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Gestational Trophoblastic Tumor - Questions to Ask the Doctor

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Questions to Ask the Doctor

Talking often with the doctor is important [2] to make informed decisions about your health care. These suggested questions are a starting point to help you learn more about your cancer care and treatment. You are also encouraged to ask additional questions that are important to you.

- What type of GTT do I have?
- Can you explain my pathology report (laboratory test results) to me?
- What is the stage of the tumor? What does this mean?
- What are my treatment options?
- What clinical trials are open to me?
- What treatment plan do you recommend? Why?
- Who will be part of my health care team, and what does each member do?
- Who will be coordinating my overall treatment and follow-up care?
- What are the possible side effects of this treatment, both in the short term and the long term?
- Will I be able to have children after treatment? Should I talk with a fertility specialist before treatment begins?
- Could this treatment affect my sex life? If so, how and for how long?
- How will this treatment affect my daily life? Will I be able to work, exercise, and perform my usual activities?
- If I'm worried about managing the costs related to my cancer care, who can help me with these concerns?
- What are the chances that the GTT will recur?
- What follow-up tests will I need, and how often will I need them?
- What support services are available to me? To my family?
- Whom do I call for questions or problems?

Links:
[1] http://www.cancer.net/about-us
[2] http://www.cancer.net/node/24958