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ON THIS PAGE: You will find some questions to ask your child's doctor or other members of your child's health care team, to help you better understand your child's diagnosis, treatment plan, and overall care. To see other pages, use the menu on the side of your screen.

[Talking often with the doctor is important](#) [3] to make informed decisions about your child's health care. These suggested questions are a starting point to help you learn more about your child's cancer care and treatment. You are also encouraged to ask additional questions that are important to you and your child.

You may want to print this list and bring it to your child's next appointment, or [download Cancer.Net's free mobile app for an e-list](#) [4] and other interactive tools to manage your child's care.

Questions to ask after getting a diagnosis

- What type of leukemia has been diagnosed?
- What subtype of AML has been diagnosed? What does this mean?
- Can you explain my child's pathology report (laboratory test results) to me?

Questions to about choosing a treatment and managing side effects

- What are the treatment options?
- What clinical trials are open to my child? Where are they located, and how do I find out more about them?
- What treatment plan do you recommend? Why?
- What is the goal of each treatment? Is it to eliminate the cancer, help my child feel better, or both?
- What are the possible side effects of this treatment, both in the short-term and the long-term?
- Who will be part of my child's health care team, and what does each member do?
- Who will be coordinating my child's overall treatment?
- How will this treatment affect my child's daily life? Will he or she be able to attend school and perform his or her usual activities?
- Could this treatment affect my child's ability to become pregnant or have children in the future? If so, should I talk with a fertility specialist before treatment begins?
- If I'm worried about managing the costs related to my child's cancer care, who can help me with these concerns?
- What support services are available to my child? To my family?
- Whom should I call for questions or problems?
- Is there anything else I should be asking?

Questions to ask about having chemotherapy, stem cell transplantation, radiation therapy etc.

- What chemotherapy will my child receive?
- Should my child receive stem cell transplantation? Why or why not?
- Will my child receive radiation therapy?
- How long will my child need to stay in the hospital?
- What is the goal of this treatment?
- How long will it take to give this treatment?
- What side effects can I expect during treatment?
- What are the possible long-term effects of having this treatment?
- What can be done to relieve the side effects?

Questions to ask about planning follow-up care

- What is the risk of the cancer returning? Are there signs and symptoms I should watch for in my child?
- What long-term side effects or late effects are possible based on the cancer treatment my child received?
- What follow-up tests will my child need, and how often will he or she need them?
- How do I get my child's treatment summary and survivorship care plan to keep in my personal records?

- Who will be coordinating my child's follow-up care?
- What survivorship support services are available to my child? To my family?

The [next section in this guide is Additional Resources](#) [5], and it offers some more resources on this website beyond this guide that may be helpful to you. Or, use the menu on the side of your screen to choose another section to continue reading this guide.

Links

[1] <http://www.cancer.net/cancer-types/leukemia-acute-myeloid-aml-childhood/questions-ask-doctor>

[2] <http://www.cancer.net/about-us>

[3] <http://www.cancer.net/node/24958>

[4] <http://www.cancer.net/node/29951>

[5] <http://www.cancer.net/node/19064>