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ON THIS PAGE: You will find some questions to ask your doctor or other members of your health care team, to help you better understand your 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 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. You may want to print this list and bring it to your next appointment, or [download Cancer.Net's free mobile app](#) [4] for an e-list and other interactive tools to manage your care.

- What type of nasal cavity cancer or paranasal sinus cancer do I have?
- Where exactly is the tumor located?
- What stage and grade is the tumor? What does this mean?
- Can you explain my pathology report (laboratory test results) to me?
- What are my treatment options?
- What clinical trials are open to me? 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 me feel better, or both?
- Who will be part of my health care team, and what does each member do?
- Can you recommend an oncologic dentist before treatment begins?
- Should I see a speech pathologist prior to treatment?

- Who will be coordinating my overall treatment and follow-up care?
- Whom should I call for questions or problems?

If surgery is recommended:

- What type of surgery do you recommend? Why?
- Who will perform my surgery? How much experience does the doctor or team have with this type of surgery?
- Will my surgery include a neck dissection? If so, what does this mean?
- Will it be necessary to remove part of my teeth or part of the palate (roof of my mouth)? If so, is rehabilitation by prosthesis available?
- If surgery is needed, will it be necessary to have reconstruction done to replace lost tissue in the lower jawbone (mandible)?
- Will I lose my eye or my eyesight?
- Will anything happen to my sense of smell?
- What other types of side effects can I expect? What will be done to prevent or relieve them?
- Will other types of treatment, including additional surgery, be necessary after this surgery?

For all patients—side effects and follow-up care:

- What are the possible side effects of each treatment, both in the short term and the long term?
- How will this treatment affect my daily life? Will I be able to work, exercise, and perform my usual activities?
- Could this treatment affect my sex life? If so, how and for how long?
- Could this treatment affect my ability to become pregnant or have children? If so, should I talk with a fertility specialist before cancer treatment begins?
- If I'm worried about managing the costs related to my cancer care, who can help me with these concerns?
- What follow-up tests will I need, and how often will I need them?
- What support services are available to me? To my family?

The next section offers some more resources that may be helpful to you. Use the menu on the side of your screen to select Additional Resources, or you can select another section, to continue reading this guide.

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[1] <http://www.cancer.net/es/node/19407>

[2] <http://www.cancer.net/es/node/51>

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