

Pituitary Gland Tumor - Questions to Ask the Doctor [1]

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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 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.

- Is my tumor cancerous?
- Is the tumor still making hormones? What does this mean?
- Can you explain my pathology report (laboratory test results) to me?
- How many patients with this type of tumor do you treat each year?
- Do you attend expert meetings to discuss complicated tumor issues? What kinds of specialists attend such meetings?
- What treatment options do I have?
- What clinical trials are open to me?
- What treatment plan do you recommend? Why?
- What is the goal of each treatment? Is it to eliminate the tumor, help me feel better, or both?
- 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?
- How successful is surgery to remove this type of tumor?
- How experienced is the surgeon with this specific type of surgery?
- Do you recommend additional treatment after surgery?
- Should I get a second opinion?
- Are you willing to follow my case if I have my treatments provided in another center?
- What are the possible side effects of this treatment, both in the short term and in the long term?
- What are the chances that the tumor will come back after treatment?
- How can I keep myself as healthy as possible during and after treatment?
- 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 treatment begins?
- If I'm worried about managing the costs related to my medical care, who can help me with these concerns?
- What follow-up tests will I need, and how often will I need them?
- Do you have reading material that would help me understand my disease?
- What support services are available to me? To my family?
- Whom should I call for questions or problems?

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.

Links:

[1] <http://www.cancer.net/cancer-types/pituitary-gland-tumor/questions-ask-doctor>

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

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

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