

Questions to Help You Choose a Specialist

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Asking questions will help you take an active role in managing your (or your child's) care. If you do not understand any part of the information your healthcare provider gives you, ask him or her to explain it in another way.

Doctor's name _____

Date of appointment or call _____

1. What is your board certification and licensing? Are you a member of any professional societies?

2. How much experience do you have treating patients with my disease?

3. Is your hospital, university, center or clinic accredited and experienced in treating blood cancers?

4. How long would I usually have to wait for appointments or return of my phone calls?

5. Will there be nurses, social workers and case managers available to help me with support needs and quality of life concerns?

6. Are there any other oncologists specializing in blood cancers with whom you would recommend I speak?

7. What types of things should I call you about? What types of things should I call my family doctor about?

8. How should I contact you with questions?

9. How do I contact you at night? On weekends? On holidays?

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