



IMMUNE CHECKPOINT INHIBITORS

QUESTIONS TO ASK MY HEALTHCARE TEAM ABOUT IMMUNE CHECKPOINT INHIBITORS

Every person is different, and your cancer treatment plan will be designed especially for you. You can use these questions to help you discuss immune checkpoint inhibitors (immunotherapy) with your healthcare team.

About My Treatment

I am being treated for _____

The therapy (or therapies) I am receiving: _____

General Questions

- How is immunotherapy different from chemotherapy?
- How is immunotherapy given? How often? How long will each treatment take? Is a hospital stay required?
- Will I need someone to drive me to and from immunotherapy treatments? Can someone stay with me during my treatment?
- How long does it take for immunotherapy to work to treat my cancer?
- What tests will I need before and during my immunotherapy treatment?
- How often do I need to see my healthcare team while I am receiving immunotherapy?
- Will I be able to work while I am receiving immunotherapy?
- Will I be able to be around other people while I am receiving immunotherapy?
- Does my insurance cover the cost of my treatment? What resources are available to help with the cost of treatment?

Questions About Other Medications and Immunotherapy

- Do I need to take any medications before receiving immunotherapy?
- How will immunotherapy interact with my other prescription, over-the-counter, and herbal medications? Are there any medicines I should *not* take while I am receiving immunotherapy?
- Can I get vaccines while I am receiving immunotherapy?

Questions About Side Effects

- What side effects are common? What are some rare side effects I should know about?
- Do I have any risk factors that would put me at a higher risk of side effects from immunotherapy?
- When should I call my healthcare team about side effects? Which person should I call? When should I go to the emergency room?
- If I experience side effects from immunotherapy, what information does my healthcare team need to know?
- Are there medications I need to take while I am receiving immunotherapy to lessen side effects?
- If I do experience a side effect, what will happen to my treatment? Will I have to stop the immunotherapy?