

PLAN YOUR QUESTIONS BEFORE YOUR OFFICE VISIT

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Questions to ask if you have been diagnosed with breast cancer, or other breast disease, and need to plan treatment.

What kind of cancer do I have?

What are the types of in situ cancer?

Is ductal carcinoma in situ pre-cancer or early cancer?

How dangerous is my DCIS?

What are the types of invasive cancer?

How big is my cancer?

Where is my cancer located at this time?

What grade is my cancer?

Does my cancer have hormone receptors?

How fast is my cancer growing?

Does my cancer over express her2/neu?

Do I need surgery?

If I need surgery, how much tissue really should be removed from my breast?

How does a surgeon know how much tissue to remove?

What are margins?

Do I need tests before surgery?

Do I need to have lymph nodes removed?

How many nodes should I have removed?

Is there a benefit in removing my nodes?

Do I need radiation therapy if I have a mastectomy?

Do I need adjuvant therapy?

Do I need chemotherapy?

What are the side effects of chemotherapy?

Do I need hormone therapy?

What are the side effects of hormone therapy?

Should I use both chemotherapy and hormone therapy?

What do I say to my children?

Can I take hormones or birth control pills ever again?

Can I have a baby?

What should my daughter, sister, mother do?

What should I do when I leave your office?

Would a therapist be helpful?

What should I do next week, next month, next year?

Who will take care of me next? What are their qualifications?