

After Brain Tumor Surgery, Before Treatment



TREATMENT

- What are the standard guidelines to treat my tumor vs. what you recommend? Why?
- Are there mutations present in my tumor? Will mutations affect your approach to treating my tumor?
- Would any advanced imaging help better determine my tumor's response to treatment?
- What are the risks and benefits of the standard treatment? What are the risks and benefits of the treatment you recommend (if different from standard treatment)?
- Do I qualify for any available clinical trials? Does that include trials outside of this institution?
(This is the only way to access some promising new treatments. You can also visit NBTS Clinical Trial Finder to search relevant clinical trials you might qualify for.)
- Will treatment impact my ability to enroll in clinical trials in the future?
- What can I do to prepare for treatment?

- How long will my treatment last?
- What will my recovery look like?
- What is the likelihood this tumor will return after treatment?
- What additional treatments might I need?

SYMPTOMS AND SIDE EFFECTS

- What are the potential symptoms and side effects I will experience from treatment?
- What can I do to manage my side effects?
- Will I need rehabilitation services, like speech therapy or physical therapy?
- How do you recommend I keep track of how I feel, and what do you need to know?
- What should I be watching for to call for immediate help?

Key Questions to Ask Your Doctor



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SUPPORT

- How will we address mental health support for myself and my caregiver throughout treatment?
- Will I have access to social work support?
- How can I reach you if I have questions after today?
- Who can explain to myself and my caregiver the medical expenses we should expect throughout my treatment. Where can we find financial assistance resources?

PALLIATIVE CARE AND QUALITY OF LIFE

- When would I benefit from a palliative care and quality of life consultation?
- What can I do to feel better?

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