Key Questions to Ask Your Doctor

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?

**SYMPTOMS AND SIDE EFFECTS**

- 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?

- 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?
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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?