

Key Questions to Ask Your Doctor



Brain Tumor Recurrence



TREATMENT

- What are the treatment options for brain tumor recurrence and are they different from the treatment for my original tumor?
- Are there any clinical trials for which I may be eligible?
- Who on my care team will be responsible for my follow-up care?

SYMPTOMS AND SIDE EFFECTS

- What side effects should I expect from treatment and what can I do to manage them?
- When should I call you for immediate help?

SUPPORT

- Is there a social worker on staff that can provide guidance and assistance?
- Where can I, my caregiver and family find mental health support services?

- Will I need rehabilitative services? If so, which ones and for how long?
- What if I don't meet my rehabilitative goals before my benefits run out?
- Can you tell me about any financial support services, from either the hospital, company that produces my treatment, or local charities that my family and I can use to help with the cost of my treatment and other hardships we may be facing related to my brain tumor recurrence?
- Do you have any special rates for people paying out-of-pocket?
- Will I need long-term care service? Should I be planning financially for long-term medical care such as a nursing home or hospice?
- Who can help me understand Medicare and my state's Medicaid rules for long-term care and my eligibility?

PALLIATIVE CARE AND QUALITY OF LIFE

- Can we discuss a plan for quality of life and palliative care?