

Ask Your Doctor



Understanding Your Diagnosis

A diagnosis of pancreatic cancer is frightening and can be extremely overwhelming. Here are some questions to ask your doctor, to help you start to understand your diagnosis.

- 1. What type of pancreatic cancer do I have?
- 2. What stage is my pancreatic cancer and what does that mean?
- 3. What is my prognosis based on my specific case?
- 4. Where exactly is the tumor located in my pancreas?
- 5. Has the cancer spread outside the pancreas (metastasized)?
- 6. How aggressive is this type of cancer?

First steps to take

- 7. Are there other tests I should have genetic testing/tumor profiling, for example.
- 8. How do I get access to genetic testing for my genes and my tumor?
- 9. Are there doctors other than you (oncologist and/or surgeon) that I should be seeing?