



Cancer Diagnosis Checklist

If you have received a cancer diagnosis, it is important to ask your doctor the following questions:

1. Are you sure? What are the chances of a mis-diagnosis?
2. Has my cancer been properly staged?
3. Are there molecular markers or lab tests to show which drugs will work best?
4. Is this the best place to be treated?
5. What are the newest treatments?

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