



Patient Questions for Healthcare Providers

1. DIAGNOSIS AND EXPECTED OUTCOMES

What type of bladder cancer do I have?

Can you explain my lab reports and imaging results in detail?

How long will it take for a confirmed diagnosis?

Will I need any other tests before we can decide on treatment?

What stage cancer do I have? Has the cancer spread? If so, where has it spread?

Will a multidisciplinary team be involved in my care?

How aggressive is my bladder cancer?

Are there brochures or other printed material that I can take with me? What websites do you recommend for me to learn more about my condition?

What is my prognosis?

Can you recommend any specialists or cancer centers with expertise in treating bladder cancer?

How likely is it that my cancer will recur or spread?

If I'm concerned about the costs and insurance coverage for my diagnosis and treatment, who can help me?



2. TREATMENT CONSIDERATIONS

What treatment or treatment options do you recommend? What is the aim of the treatment?

Are there other treatment choices for me? If not, why not?

How long will the treatment take? Will I have to stay in hospital? If yes, for how long?

3. DURING TREATMENT

What are the risks and side effects of the treatment? Will they be permanent?

Will I have a lot of pain? How will this be managed?

Can I work, drive, and continue with my normal activities while undergoing treatment?

How will we know if the treatment is working?

I'm considering getting a second opinion. Can you please recommend anyone?

Will I have significant scarring, or will I look different?

What kind of rehabilitation can I have?



4. LIFESTYLE AND PREVENTION

Are there changes I can make to my diet or lifestyle that might help manage my condition or reduce the risk of recurrence?

What steps can I take to maintain overall health during and after treatment?

5. SUPPORT GROUPS

Are there counseling services or support groups you recommend for bladder cancer?

It's important to note that your doctor, as well as other healthcare professionals such as nurses and social workers, can provide valuable information.

Consider including your own personalized questions based on your circumstances.