

Patient Questions for Healthcare Providers



1. UNDERSTANDING THE DIAGNOSIS

How certain are you about my MCC diagnosis?

What is the stage of my MCC?

Has the cancer spread beyond the skin or to other body parts?

Can someone discuss the costs and insurance coverage for my diagnosis and treatment?

What is a sentinel lymph node biopsy? Do I need one?

Should I consult with other types of doctors?

2. TREATMENT CONSIDERATIONS

What is your experience in treating MCC?

Which options do you recommend? Why?

Should I seek a second opinion, and if so, can you suggest a doctor or cancer center?

How can I prepare for treatment, and what are the duration and location of treatment?

Will I require additional tests before deciding on treatment?

What are the potential risks and side effects, and how might they impact my daily life?

What is the treatment goal, and how soon should we decide?

Will there be scarring after treatment, and what can I expect post-treatment?



3. DURING TREATMENT

How will we monitor treatment progress?

Are there any restrictions on my activities?

What side effects may I expect, and what can I do to help manage side effects?

Can you recommend a mental health professional or emotional support during treatment?

What symptoms or side effects should I report immediately, and how can I reach you in emergencies?

4. POST-TREATMENT

What symptoms should I watch for after treatment?

What is the likelihood of cancer recurrence, and how will we monitor for recurrence?

Am I at risk for developing another skin cancer, and what precautions should I take?

What are the next steps if the cancer does recur?

What type of follow-up care will I need?

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.