

Questions to Ask During a Second-Opinion Consultation

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Asking your healthcare provider questions at any phase of your treatment will help you take an active role in managing your (or your child's) care. If you do not understand any part of the information your healthcare provider gives you, ask him or her to explain it in another way.

Doctor's name _____

Date of appointment or call _____

1. Is there any chance my medical problem could have a different diagnosis?

2. Are there any additional tests you think I should have?

3. What is the treatment you recommend?

4. Are there any other treatments I should consider?

5. What are the likely results if you wait or don't have the treatment?

6. What are the risks associated with the treatment(s)?

7. What are the side effects and/or long-term effects from each treatment option?

8. What are the goals of the treatment?

9. How long are the treatment recovery periods?

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