



Questions to Ask Your Oncologist

Interested in molecular profiling? Not sure where to start?

Learning you have cancer can be a life-altering experience. The diagnosis may make you feel anxious, afraid or confused. You may worry about how you will cope with your disease emotionally, physically and financially, and you may feel overwhelmed with information that is difficult to process – but you're not alone. Whether you have just been diagnosed, learned that your cancer has spread, or are looking for new treatment options, Caris can help simplify the process and provide crucial information regarding personalized treatment options and cutting-edge technologies.

We're here with the tools that can make a cancer diagnosis a little less overwhelming, including these top 10 questions for your doctor that you can use to help get you started.

As with any treatment plan, you and your doctor will need to work together to figure out what will work best for you. The following questions are designed to help guide your conversation with your healthcare provider.

- 1 What is personalized medicine and molecular profiling and why is it important?
- 2 What does a molecular profile analyze?
- 3 Who will perform the molecular profiling analysis?
- 4 How many biomarkers will be analyzed and what is being included in the profile?
- 5 Will I need another biopsy or is an ample, high-quality specimen available?
- 6 How long will it take to get the results back and when can results be discussed?
- 7 How could molecular profiling change my course of treatment?
- 8 Will the test provide information about my response to immunotherapy?
- 9 Are hereditary (germline) mutations being reported, and how does this help guide my treatment choices?
- 10 Can molecular profiling identify clinical trial opportunities to treat my cancer?

By becoming an informed patient, you gain the power to participate in the treatment planning process with your medical team, who can help you make the right decisions for your health and ongoing care. We invite you to connect with us on social media to access other helpful resources and learn more about the latest Molecular Intelligence advancements.



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