

# More **information** can mean more **options.**

## **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 is here to help.

Understanding your cancer at the molecular level may offer a clear path to personalized treatment selection. Comprehensive molecular profiling from Caris helps you and your oncologist identify which treatments may be the most effective, as well as treatments that are less likely to work. As with any treatment plan, you and your oncologist will work together to figure out what will work best for your cancer.

*Here are a few common questions about molecular profiling that you may find helpful, along with several questions that you may want to discuss with your oncologist.*

### **Why is it important to have a molecular profile?**

Knowing what cancer looks like at the molecular level may lead to better treatment options. Regardless of where a tumor is located, its molecular composition can tell your physician how the cancer may behave and what treatments may be most effective for you.

### **What is Caris molecular profiling?**

Caris molecular profiling is the first and most experienced comprehensive tumor profiling service designed to help patients better fight cancer. Our approach to tumor profiling assesses every possible gene (22,000) in the DNA and RNA, as well as proteins to reveal a molecular blueprint to guide more precise and individualized treatment decisions for your cancer.

### **How long does it take for results?**

Your oncologist receives your results back in about 10-14 days, which is then used to help inform the best treatment plan to fight your disease.

### **Is Caris molecular testing covered by insurance?**

Yes, on average 9 out of 10 insured patients pay no out-of-pocket costs. Caris molecular testing is typically reimbursed by most insurance providers, as well as Medicare. Additionally, we offer financial assistance programs that provide added financial flexibility for uninsured patients or patients who may not be able to afford out-of-pocket costs associated with molecular testing.

### **What patient support does Caris provide?**

Once testing is ordered, a Patient Navigator is assigned to work directly with you through all aspects of molecular profiling, including how the testing works, insurance verification, financial options, and many others.

# Questions to ask your doctor:

**1** Am I a good candidate for molecular profiling?

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**2** What type of molecular profiling are you thinking about ordering? Is it comprehensive to include all DNA and RNA genes, along with proteins?

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**3** If not, why wouldn't we do a more comprehensive molecular profile if one is available?

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**4** Will molecular profiling help identify different treatment options (i.e. chemotherapy, targeted therapy, immunotherapy) and/or clinical trials? And, how will you use this information?

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**5** Can we use existing biopsy samples for molecular profiling, or will I need a new biopsy?

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*Additional Information and Notes:*

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