

Questions to ask about options

1. What will happen if I do nothing?
2. How do my age, overall health, and other factors affect the options?
3. Am I a candidate for a clinical trial? Can I join a clinical trial at any time?
4. Which option is proven to work best for my cancer, age, and other risk factors?
5. Does any option offer long-term cancer control? Are the chances any better for one option than another? Less time-consuming? Less expensive?
6. Can my cancer be cured? If so, what are the chances it will return?
7. Which treatment will give me the best quality of life? Which treatment will extend life? By how long?
8. What are my options if the treatment stops working?
9. Can I stop treatment at any time? What will happen if I stop treatment?
10. Is there a social worker or someone who can help me decide?
11. Is there a hospital or treatment center you can recommend for kidney cancer treatment? Can I go to one hospital for surgery and a different center for systemic or radiation therapy?
