Questions to ask about side effects

1. What are the side effects of systemic therapy? Surgery? Radiation therapy?

2. What are the side effects of kidney cancer?

3. How long will these side effects last? Do any side effects lessen or worsen in severity over time?

4. What side effects should I watch for? What side effects are expected and which are life threatening?

5. When should I call the doctor? Can I text? What should I do on weekends and other non-office hours?

6. What emergency department or ER should I go to? Will my treatment team be able to communicate with the ER team?

7. What medicines can I take to prevent or relieve side effects?

8. What can I do to help with pain and other side effects?

9. Will you stop treatment or change treatment if there are side effects? What do you look for?

10. What can I do to lessen or prevent side effects? What will you do?

11. What medicines may worsen side effects of treatment?