Questions to ask about treatment

1. How will my age, general health, cancer stage, and other health conditions limit my treatment choices?

2. What are my treatment choices? What are the benefits and risks? Which treatment do you recommend and why?

3. What can I do to prepare for treatment? Should I stop taking my medications? Should I store my blood in case I need a transfusion?

4. How much will the treatment cost? How much will my insurance pay for treatment?

5. What are the chances my cancer will return? How will it be treated if it returns?

6. Does the order of treatment matter?

7. How long do I have to decide about treatment?

8. Does this hospital or center offer the best treatment for me?

9. When will I start treatment? How long will treatment take?

10. I would like a second opinion. Is there someone you can recommend?

11. How will treatment affect my ability to do things I enjoy?

12. Which supportive services and support groups do you recommend?