

Questions to Ask Your Doctor

1. What type of neuroendocrine tumour do I have?
2. What is the stage of the tumour? What does this mean?
3. Can you explain my pathology report (laboratory test results) to me?
4. What organ(s) is the tumour affecting?
5. What are my treatment options?
6. Who will be part of my health care team, and what does each member do?
7. Who will be coordinating my overall treatment and follow-up care?
8. What treatment plan do you recommend? Why?
9. What is the usual timeline for the treatment(s) I'll be receiving?
10. What is the goal of each treatment? Is it to eliminate the tumour, help me feel better, or both?
11. Can surgery be done to remove the entire tumour?
12. What are my chances of being cured?
13. What are the possible side effects of this treatment, both in the short term and the long term?
14. What medications will reduce these side effects?
15. Are the side effects permanent?
16. How will this treatment affect my daily life? Will I be able to perform my usual activities?
17. What lifestyle changes can I make to stay as healthy as possible before, during and after treatment?
18. What follow-up tests will I need, and how often will I need them?
19. How do I get access to a Ga68 PET scan?
20. May I have some reading materials on my tumour type and medications?
21. Where can I get more information about my diagnosis and treatment?
22. To whom should I speak to about health insurance or financial concerns?
23. What follow-up tests will I need, and how often will I need them?
24. What support services are available to me? To my family?
25. Whom should I call for questions or problems?