



## QUESTIONS TO ASK YOUR CANCER CARE TEAM

### DURING DIAGNOSIS

- What type of lung cancer do I have?
- Was my cancer confirmed by tissue diagnosis (that is, from a tissue biopsy) or cytology diagnosis (that is, from fluid samples obtained by brushing or washing)?
- What is the stage of my lung cancer? Where in my body is the cancer located?
- Based on my diagnosis, am I a candidate for surgery?
- Do I need more tests before making the treatment plan?
- Has a sample of my tumour been sent for molecular testing? Am I a candidate for targeted therapy?
- Has a sample of my tumour been sent for PD-L1 testing? Am I a candidate for immunotherapy?
- Is there anything I can do, such as changing my diet, exercising, or managing stress, to help prepare for treatment?
- Where can I find help with quitting smoking?
- What symptoms should I expect with this type of cancer? What can I do to manage them?
- What should I do if my symptoms get worse or if I develop new symptoms?
- Is this type of cancer hereditary? Is my family at risk?

### ABOUT SURGERY

- Am I a good candidate for surgery?
- Will I be able to return to my normal life after surgery?
- How will surgery affect my breathing?
- What are the chances that surgery will remove all of my cancer?
- Should I consider undergoing chemotherapy or radiation therapy either before or after my surgery?
- What can I do to help prepare for surgery?
- What can I do to help my recovery after surgery?
- Can I join a respiratory rehabilitation or physiotherapy program to help with my recovery?
- Can I exercise after surgery? Should I?
- Am I eligible to participate in any clinical trials?

### ABOUT RADIATION THERAPY

- What is the goal of this treatment?
- What are the key differences between radiation and chemotherapy?
- How long will my radiation treatments last?
- Is there anything I should do to prepare for treatment?
- Will I be able to return home by myself after treatment, or will I require assistance?
- Are there any side effects or complications that I should watch out for after the procedure?
- Are there any medications that help with the side effects of radiation?
- Will I be able to return to my normal life after radiation?
- Is there anything I can do, such as changing my diet, exercising, or managing stress, to help cope during therapy or help my recovery?
- Am I eligible to participate in any clinical trials?

### ABOUT CHEMOTHERAPY

- What is the goal of chemotherapy treatment? Will it cure my cancer or just slow it down?
- What are my treatment options?
- What drugs will I receive and how do they work?
- How long will my chemotherapy treatments last and how often will I receive treatment?
- Will I be able to return home by myself after treatment, or will I require assistance?
- What side effects might occur? How long will they last?
- What can I do to prevent or cope with side effects?
- Are any of the side effects permanent?
- Who can I contact if I develop side effects?
- Are there medications to help with side effects?
- When will I be able to return to my normal activities after chemotherapy?
- Is there anything I can do, such as changing my diet, exercising, or managing stress, to help cope during chemotherapy or to help my recovery?
- Am I eligible to participate in any clinical trials?



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### **ABOUT TARGETED THERAPY**

- What mutations were found in my biopsy sample? What are my treatment options?
- Should my cancer be tested for other mutations?
- What is the goal of targeted therapy?
- How long will this treatment last and how often will I receive it?
- What drugs will I receive and how do they work?
- What side effects might occur and what can I do to cope?
- Are any of the side effects permanent?
- Who can I contact if I develop any side effects?
- Are there drugs to help with side effects?
- Am I eligible to participate in any clinical trials?

### **ABOUT IMMUNOTHERAPY**

- What is the goal of immunotherapy?
- Am I a candidate for immunotherapy? What are my treatment options?
- How long will this treatment last and how often will I receive it?
- What drugs will I receive and how do they work?
- What side effects might occur and what can I do to prevent or cope with them?
- Are there any side effects for which I should go to the emergency room? Should I bring anything with me (like an information card) to let the ER doctors know about my immunotherapy?
- Are any of the side effects permanent?
- Who can I contact if I develop any side effects?
- Are there medications to help with side effects?
- When will I be able to return to my normal activities after immunotherapy?
- Is there anything I can do, such as changing my diet, exercising, or managing stress to help cope during therapy or to help my recovery?
- Am I eligible to participate in any clinical trials?

### **ABOUT FOLLOW-UP VISITS**

- Who will be in charge of my long-term care?
- How often should I return for follow-up visits? Will I have to do any tests?
- What long-term side effects might occur, and what can I do to prevent or cope with them?
- What symptoms should I look out for? Who should I contact if I develop any of them?
- Is there anything I can do, such as changing my diet, exercising, or managing my stress, to help my recovery and keep my cancer from coming back?
- Will I receive any support and care at home?

### **QUESTIONS TO ASK YOUR CLINICAL TRIAL TEAM**

- Why is this study a good option for me?
- What is the purpose of the study?
- Who is going to be in the study?
- Why do researchers believe the experimental treatment may be effective? Has it been tested before?
- What kinds of tests and experimental treatments are involved?
- How do the possible risks, side effects, and benefits of the experimental treatment compare with my current treatment?
- What happens if I receive the placebo, control drug, or chemotherapy instead of the experimental treatment? Will I get a chance to get the experimental treatment later?
- Who will be in charge of my care?
- How might this affect my daily life?
- How long will the trial last?
- Will hospitalization be required?
- Will I be reimbursed for expenses?
- What type of long-term follow-up care is part of this study?
- How will I know that the experimental treatment is working?
- Will I be given the results of the study?