



QUESTIONS TO ASK YOUR DOCTOR



Diagnosis

What can you tell me about my brain tumor type?

Was molecular testing conducted to ensure accuracy of tumor type?

What is my prognosis, with and without treatment?

How many patients with my tumor type do you treat annually?

Treatment

What are my treatment options? What are the goals of treatment? Can treatment wait?

If radiation is recommended, what is the difference between Whole Brain Radiation Therapy (WBRT) and Stereotactic Radiosurgery (SRS)?

Considering the cognitive side effects associated with WBRT, would SRS be better suited for me?

Is SRS available at this treatment center? If not, is SRS available in the area?

If WBRT is the best treatment, how do you recommend preserving my cognitive functioning? Is hippocampal avoidance possible?

What are the risks and benefits of each treatment? What are common treatment side effects?

How will treatment affect my daily activities?

How do you determine if the treatment is effective? What follow-up tests do you recommend?

What are the possible long-term effects of each treatment?

How do you expect my brain tumor to progress? Will it spread or come back after treatment?

Are there alternative treatment options? Would a clinical trial be right for me?

Do you recommend getting a second opinion? Whom would you recommend I consult?

Support Services

What survivorship services are available to me and/or my family?