

Common Questions for Biomarker Testing in Cancer

Talking with your doctor or care team about biomarker testing can seem difficult. Knowing the right questions to ask may help. Here is a list of questions you can use to talk about biomarker testing with your doctor and to help you understand the results if you do get a test. Remember to always ask the members of your healthcare team to explain anything you don't understand. This can help you play an active role in your cancer care plan.



People who are living with cancer can ask their doctor:

1 Is biomarker testing right for me? Why or why not?

2 What is the goal of this type of test?

3 How will the test be done?

4 Are there specific mutations you are looking for? What do these mutations say about my cancer?

5 Could the results help with deciding my treatment? How?

6 What is the cost of biomarker testing?

7 Are there other testing options that can provide information on my cancer and help inform treatment decisions?

8 When is the best time to undergo biomarker testing for the type of cancer I have?
