

QUESTIONS ABOUT THE DOCTOR AND PRACTICE

1. IS THE DOCTOR BOARD CERTIFIED (ABMS)?
2. WHAT IS THE DOCTORS SPECIALTY AREA?
3. DOES HE/SHE HAVE A SUBSPECIALTY IN THE CANCER AREA (TYPES)?
4. HOW LONG HAS HE/SHE BEEN IN PRACTICE?
5. NUMBER OF PEOPLE TREATED?
6. IS HE/SHE INVOLVED IN CLINICAL TRIALS?
7. OFFICE HOURS-LATE IN THE DAY OR ON WEEKENDS
8. WAIT TIME (combined waiting room and exam room)
9. HOW DO YOU REACH THE DOCTOR AFTER HOURS AND ON WEEKENDS?
10. WHO CARES FOR PATIENTS WHEN DOCTOR IS ON VACATION?
11. ARE THEIR CREDENTIALS/EXPERIENCE EQUAL TO MY ONCOLOGIST?
12. DOES MY ONCOLOGIST HAVE A NURSE PRACTITIONER OR PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT AS PART OF HIS CARE TEAM FOR ME?
13. WHAT HOSPITAL IS MY ONCOLOGIST AFFILIATED WITH-DOES MY INSURANCE WORK THERE (DOES IT HAVE COVERAGE THERE)?
14. COST OF EACH VISIT TO OFFICE
15. IF I GET SICK, CAN I BYPASS THE EMERGENCY ROOM AND BE DIRECTLY ADMITTED TO HOSPITAL (IF NECESSARY) BY ATTENDING ONCOLOGIST?