

Questions to ask the doctor if you or someone you know is diagnosed with prostate cancer:

- Q: How advanced is my prostate cancer?
- Q: What is its stage? (How far does it seem to have spread?)
- Q: What is my cancer's grade? (How fast is it likely to spread?)
- Q: Is it likely that my cancer will spread? Do I need to be tested more frequently? What do experts recommend about the frequency of testing?
- Q: What are my treatment choices (including watchful waiting and active surveillance)? What are the advantages and disadvantages of each?
- Q: What are the chances for each treatment to cure my cancer?
- Q: What are the chances of complications from each treatment? What kinds of complications are likely from each?
- Q: How are possible treatment side-effects managed—for example, urinary incontinence or erectile dysfunction?
- Q: How much will each prostate cancer treatment cost?
- Q: How much will treating possible side effects cost?
- Q: If I choose an operation, how many days will I be in the hospital?
- Q: How long will I have a catheter after the operation?
- Q: How much time will I need to fully recover?
- Q: If I choose radiation therapy, how much recovery time will be required?
- Q: Will I need to take time off from work or other activities?
- Q: What is likely to happen if I choose no treatment (watchful waiting or active surveillance)? How frequently will I need examinations?
- Q: Following treatment, how often will I need examinations?