Questions for newly diagnosed patients to ask their doctor

1. What type of lung cancer do I have?
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2. What type of doctors will I need to take care of me for this problem?
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3. How much experience do they and the facility have with this problem?
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4. What test do I need to determine how far the cancer has spread and what treatment I need?
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5. What is the stage of my lung cancer and what does this mean for my treatment?
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6. What are my treatment options? Which do you believe are the best ones, and why?
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7. How may I go about getting a second opinion on my diagnosis and treatment options?
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8. What is a clinical trial and should I enter one?
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9. Are you board certified?
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10. How do you keep up to date on current treatments?
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11. How many times have you performed this specific surgery [if surgery is being recommended]?
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12. Can I talk with other patients who have had the same or similar surgery [or treatments]?  
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13. Are you willing to answer my questions during doctor visits? Outside of doctor visits?  
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14. Will you answer my questions directly?  
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15. Will you return my phone calls in a timely manner?  
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16. Are you willing to honor my personal decision-making style?  
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17. Do you accept my insurance?  
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18. Who provides backup care if you are out of town or unavailable? Are they board certified?  
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19. Do you participate in clinical trials?  
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