Navigating Lung Cancer: What’s Next?

With the right information, you can be a more active participant in your healthcare decisions.

Review the chart below to better understand the lung cancer journey; use the information to improve and inform your conversations with your doctor.

### The Patient Journey: Where Am I?

#### DIAGNOSTIC TESTING
- Imaging tests
- Lab tests
- Biopsies
- Molecular tests

#### DIAGNOSIS AND STAGING

**Diagnosis by histology**
- Non-small cell lung cancer
  - Adeno, squamous, large cell
- Small cell lung cancer

**Diagnosis by biomarker profile**
- Molecular driver mutations
  - EGFR, ALK, ROS1, KRAS, other
- PD-L1 for immunotherapy

**Staging**

#### TREATMENT (1ST LINE, 2ND LINE, AND BEYOND)
- Surgery
- Radiation therapy
- Chemotherapy
- Targeted therapy
- Immunotherapy
- Combination therapy
- Clinical trials

#### MONITORING
- Symptom management
- Side effect management
- Surveillance
- Repeat biopsy
Questions to ask yourself

1. Do I need to work while undergoing treatment?
2. Do I have someone who can help me get to and from treatment?
3. Do I have someone who can provide practical help around the house?
4. Do I have someone who can help with care for my children or grandchildren?
5. What does “quality of life” mean to me?
6. Are there major life events that I would like to attend?

Clinical Trial Questions

1. What are clinical trials?
2. Should I think about taking part in a clinical trial?
3. Where can I find information about clinical trials?

General Lifestyle Questions

1. How will the treatment affect my daily activities?
2. Will I be able to work during treatment?
3. Will I be able to travel during treatment?

Financial Questions

1. Does my insurance cover this treatment?
2. Where can I find information about financial assistance?

Resource Questions

1. Where can I find resources for lung cancer patients?
2. Are there local resources that help with rides to and from treatment?
3. Is there a local lung cancer support group meeting?
4. Can I get connected to others who have survived or are living with this type of cancer for support?

Questions to ask your healthcare provider

Diagnosis Questions

1. Should I get a second opinion, and how do I do that?
2. Will I have my tumor tested for molecular driver mutations?

Treatment Questions

1. What is the goal of my treatment?
2. What are my treatment choices/recommendations?
3. To whom can I talk? Will I have a patient navigator or case manager?
4. What risks and side effects should I expect from my treatment?
5. What can I do to reduce the side effects of the treatment?
6. Whom do I call if I’m experiencing uncontrolled adverse effects after hours?
7. What would we do if my treatment doesn’t work or if the cancer comes back?
8. Do I need pulmonary rehabilitation or physical therapy?
9. Will I need pain management?
10. What is palliative care, and how can I learn about services that may help me during and/or after my treatment?

For information about lung cancer, resources, and support, go to www.LUNGevity.org.