

Question checklist for LGBTQI+ People and Cancer

Asking your health professionals questions can help you find the right support. You may want to include some of the questions below in your own list.

Treatment team

- Do you have an LGBTQI+ inclusive policy for patients and staff?
- Have staff had training in meeting the needs of LGBTQI+ people?
- Do you have experience dealing with LGBTQI+ people with cancer?
- How will you keep my personal information confidential?
- Can you amend my records with my gender, pronouns and preferred name?
- Who can I talk to if I am not satisfied with my care?
- I'm thinking of getting a second opinion. Can you recommend anyone?

Side effects

- What are the risks and possible side effects of each treatment? How can these be managed?
- How will the treatment affect how I look and how my body works?
- Will the treatment affect my sex life? Can I get support from someone who understands LGBTQI+ sex issues?
- Will the cancer and treatment affect my fertility? What tests can I have to see if my fertility has been affected?

Support

- How can I connect with other LGBTQI+ people affected by cancer?
- What financial and practical assistance is available?
- Where can I get help with advance care planning?

Family and friends

- Will you include my partner/s and family, chosen and biological, in my care?
- Can you help me talk to my family about what is happening?
- Where can my partner/s, children and friends get help and advice?

After treatment

- Who will I see for follow-up appointments?
- How often will I need check-ups after treatment?

My questions