

Question checklist for targeted therapy

It is important to ask your specialist questions, especially if you feel confused or uncertain about your treatment. If you have a lot of questions, you could also talk to a cancer care coordinator or nurse. You may want to make a list of questions before appointments and include some of these questions:

- Is targeted therapy available as part of my treatment plan? If not, why not?
- Which targeted therapy drug are you recommending? Does it have different names?
- Will it be my only treatment, or will I also have other treatments?
- How much will targeted therapy cost? Is there any way to reduce the cost if I can't afford it?
- Are there any clinical trials that would give me access to new types of targeted therapy?
- How often am I likely to have targeted therapy?
- How long will I receive targeted therapy?
- Where will I have targeted therapy? Will I need to come to the hospital or treatment centre for an IV infusion or injection, or will I be taking tablets or capsules at home?
- If I am taking the treatment at home, can I get the prescription filled at any pharmacy?
- What should I do if the pharmacy cannot fill my prescription?
- Do I have to be careful with over-the-counter medicines or supplements? What food/drinks should I avoid while taking targeted therapy?
- What should I do if I forget to take the targeted therapy drug?
- What side effects should I watch out for or report?
- Who do I contact if I get side effects?
- How can side effects be managed?
- Will the drugs affect my immune system?
- Can I still have vaccinations?

My questions
