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Questions to Ask Your Doctor

Head and Neck Cancer

- What type of head and neck cancer do I have?
- Where is the tumor located?
- What stage is the cancer? What does this mean?
- Can you explain my pathology report (laboratory test results) to me?
- Will my case be discussed in a multidisciplinary tumor board?
- What are my treatment options?
- What clinical trials are available for me? Where are they located, and how do I find out more about them?
- What treatment plan do you recommend? Why?
- What is the goal of each treatment? Is it to eliminate the cancer, help me feel better, or both?
- What are the possible side effects of each treatment, in the short term and the long term?
- Will this treatment affect my ability to eat, swallow, or speak?
- Will I need physical therapy, speech therapy, and/or another type of rehabilitation after finishing treatment?
- Who will be part of my treatment team, and what does each member do?
- How much experience does this center have in treating people with head and neck cancer?
- Should I see other specialists before treatment, such as a dentist or a speech pathologist?
- How will this treatment affect my daily life? Will I be able to work, exercise, and perform my usual activities?
- Could this treatment affect my ability to become pregnant or have children?
- If I'm worried about managing the costs of cancer care, who can help me?
- If I have a question or problem, who should I call?