

Questions to ask about renal cell carcinoma (RCC)

Questions to ask after diagnosis

What type of kidney cancer do I have? What does this mean?

What stage is the cancer? Can you explain what this means?

Has my cancer spread? If so, how far?

Are any lymph nodes involved? Will I need surgery?

If I have surgery, how will I manage if I'm missing a kidney or part of a kidney?

What are my chances of survival, based on what you know?

Are there support services available?

Who will be leading my treatment plan?

Can you explain the pathology report results to me? Can I have a copy?

Will I need other tests before we choose a treatment strategy?

Questions to ask about treatments

What are my treatment options?

What are the goals of these treatments?

What is the success rate of these treatments?

How does the treatment work? How long before I know the treatment is working?


How soon would treatment start? How often will I get each treatment?

What are the side effects of my treatments?

Will side effects be increased with combination therapy? How can I manage these?

How long will the treatments last for?

What impact will this treatment have on my quality of life?



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Questions to ask after treatment

How well did I respond to treatment?

If I didn't respond well, what are the next steps?

What is the follow-up plan? How often will I need to see you after treatment?

Are members of my family at higher risk of developing this cancer?

Questions to ask your insurer

Does my policy cover me for unfunded cancer treatment?

Does my policy cover the entire course of treatment? If not, which aspects of my treatment am I covered for, and for how much?

How does it work exactly?

How do I claim?