

GREENSLOPES ONCOLOGY

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Dr Warren Joubert and Professor Atkinson have over 10 years of experience in all aspects of cancer management, and are focused on ensuring you receive optimal treatment and care.

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In order to assist we have compiled a list of questions to help you obtain information about your type of cancer, and treatment options. Often Dr Joubert will have addressed the questions without you having to ask, however it is our hope that this list serves as a prompt and checklist for you, and your loved ones.

It may be helpful to tick the questions that you want to ask and write down any that you may think of which are not listed.

We also invite you to visit our website, www.greenslopesoncology.com.au where you will find further information on your cancer type and available support service.



WHAT IS MY DIAGNOSIS?

- What type of cancer do I have?
- Where is the cancer? Has it spread to other parts of my body?
- Is my cancer common? Is my cancer hereditary?

WHAT TESTS SHOULD I HAVE?

- Do I need to have any further tests? What will they tell us?
- Will the tests confirm the type of cancer I have?

WHAT IS MY PROGNOSIS?

- How bad is this cancer? What impact will this have on me and my quality of life?
- What symptoms will the cancer cause?
- What is the aim of the treatment? Is the treatment likely to cure the cancer, or control it and manage symptoms?
- How likely is it that the cancer will spread to other parts of my body? Will this happen without anymore treatment? Will the treatment prevent the cancer from spreading?
- What is the expected survival for people with my type of cancer?
- Will treatment improve my chance of survival?
- Will treatment improve my symptoms?

WHAT ARE MY TREATMENT OPTIONS?

- Is it necessary to have treatment immediately?
- Do I have a choice of treatment options?
- What are the pros and cons of treatment?
- What can I expect if I decide not to have treatment?
- How much time do I have to think about this?
- In your opinion what is the best treatment for me?

TREATMENT DETAILS

- What will be done during the treatment, how will it affect me?
- When are these effects likely to happen?
- How long will I be receiving the treatment for?
- Where will I have the treatment?

CLINICAL TRIALS

- Are you involved with clinical trials at Greenslopes Hospital?
- Are there any clinical trials that may be relevant for me and my type of cancer?

PREPARING FOR TREATMENT

- Is there anything that I can do before or after my treatment that might make it more effective, e.g. diet, exercise, etc?
- What should/ shouldn't I do whilst undergoing treatment?
- If I have problems whilst on treatment who do I contact?
- Are there long-term side effects from the treatment?
- Will I need any additional treatment after this?
- What does my long-term follow up plan look like?

RECOMMENDED SUPPORT

- What information is available about my type of cancer and its treatment, e.g. books or websites you would recommend?
- Are there services/support groups that can help me and my loved ones deal with this illness?

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