

If you are meeting with a surgeon or oncologist for the first time, don't be afraid to ask:

- Is pancreatic cancer one of your specialties?
- How many surgeries have you performed on pancreatic cancer patients?

Important questions to ask your doctor:

- What stage of pancreatic cancer do I have?
- What treatments are recommended?
- What are the risks of the treatment(s)?
- How should I expect to feel during the treatment(s)?
- Are there any clinical drug trials I can participate in?
- How will my current lifestyle change?
- Which exercises can I incorporate into my daily lifestyle?
- Is there a number I can call with immediate questions or concerns regarding my treatment?

Important questions to ask yourself:

- Does my doctor appear interested in answering my questions?
- Do I feel that my doctor cares about my medical outcome?
- Is my doctor okay with me getting a second opinion?