

# Questions for the Medical Oncologist

## After receiving a Breast Cancer Diagnosis

1. What treatment do you recommend for my cancer and why?
2. What are the benefits?
3. What are the risks?
4. Will I have treatment in a hospital or outpatient? How long does each treatment take?
5. What are the side effects? What do you do to help with them?
6. Will I still be able to work full time? Do I need to go to part time or take FMLA?
7. Can I drive during my treatment?
8. Will I still be able to take care of myself, my children and my family responsibilities?
9. How long will the whole treatment last? Weeks\_\_\_\_\_ Months\_\_\_\_\_
10. What is the GOAL of my treatment?
11. What if I decide I can't tolerate my treatment or want to stop?
12. Are there clinical trials I need to look at for my kind of cancer?
13. Are any side effects life threatening?
14. Will my insurance cover the cost of my treatment? Are there programs to help me pay?
15. If I want a second opinion, is there someone you recommend? Can you help me with that?

