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Questions you might want to ask when you are first referred for tests, or when you see the hospital doctor. There are no right or wrong questions, and no right or wrong times to ask them – you can ask questions at any time.

Some questions you might want to ask your GP:

- What do you think is wrong with me?
- What tests will I need?
- Where will I go for the tests?
- When will I know the results?
- Who will explain what the results mean?
- Who will you refer me to for specialist treatment?
- What choices do I have about treatment?
- What difference will it make if I go privately?
- How much will it cost to go privately?

Some questions you might want to ask when you see the hospital doctor:

- What tests and treatments are there?
- What do the tests and treatments involve?
- Are there any other methods of treatment?
- Where will I have to go for treatment?
- What are the benefits of the different options for treatment?
- What choices do I have?
- What are the risks and side effects of the treatments?
- Will they affect my work/education?
- How experienced are you and your team in the type of surgery proposed?
- What is your success rate with the surgery proposed?
- Will I need help to look after my family?
- Can I still have sex?
- Will treatment affect my chances of having children in the future?
- How can I tell my family and friends?
- How long will the treatment last?
- How sick will I be?
- Will I be in pain?
- How do I know I'm getting the best treatment?
- Will my treatment affect driving?