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## COMMUNICATING WITH YOUR DOCTOR ABOUT CANCER

### Questions to ask your doctor:

- Do you know the stage of the cancer?
- If not, how and when will you find out the stage of the cancer?
- Would you explain to me what the stage means in my case?
- What treatment do you think is best for me?
- What's the goal of this treatment?
- Do you think it could cure the cancer?
- Will treatment include surgery? If so, who will do the surgery?
- What will the surgery be like?
- Will I need other types of treatment, too?
- What's the goal of these treatments?
- What side effects could I have from these treatments?
- What about special vitamins or diets that friends or online articles talk about?  
How will I know if they are safe?
- How soon do I need to start treatment?
- What should I do to be ready for treatment?
- Is there anything I can do to help the treatment work better?
- What's the next step?