



Questions to Ask Your Doctor Before Biomarker Testing

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Biomarker testing is a way of learning more about certain forms of cancer. Not every form of cancer has testable biomarkers and different biomarkers give different kinds of information. The following questions can help guide a discussion with your doctor to learn more. For general, basic information about biomarkers, please visit www.cancer.org/biomarkers.

What role do biomarkers play in cancer, and is there a biomarker test for my form of cancer?

Will the test diagnose cancer in my body or give other information?

How will the results affect my treatment options?

How is the test administered? Will the test require a biopsy of body tissue or look into the blood or other bodily fluids?



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Is this test approved for use for me and is it covered by my insurance? What are my options otherwise?

How long will I wait until the results are available?

How reliable is the test? Will we learn anything else about my health?

Is there any other information I should know?

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