

CHECKLIST OF QUESTIONS

ASK DOCTOR BEFORE STARTING TREATMENT

There are usually more than one treatment option for cancer. Depending on your test results, discuss options with the doctor using these questions:

- 1) What will happen if i do nothing?
- 2) Can I just carefully monitor the cancer?
- 3) How do my age, overall health and other factors affect my options?
- 4) What if I am pregnant? What if I am planning to get pregnant in the near future?
- 5) Which option is proven to work best?
- 6) Does any option offer a cure? What are the chances cancer will return with this treatment?
- 7) Are my chances better with one option compared to the others? Less time-consuming? Less expensive?
- 8) What are the possible complications and side-effects?
- 9) What can be done to prevent or relieve side-effects of treatment?
- 10) Are there any life-threatening side effects of the treatment?
How will I be monitored?
- 11) How do you know if treatment is working? How will I know?
- 12) What are the options if my treatment stops working?
- 13) Are there clinical trials I should consider?