



Questions to ask an Oncologist about treatment for Advanced Cancer/Palliative Care

- What is palliative care?
- What symptoms is my bladder cancer likely to cause?
- What treatment do you recommend to slow down, control or manage the symptoms of my advanced bladder cancer?
 - Chemotherapy
 - Radiation therapy
 - Immunotherapy
 - Surgery
 - Other drug treatment
- What is the aim of this treatment?
- What are the side effects of the treatment?
- How likely is it that the treatment will improve my symptoms?
- What happens if the cancer comes back/does not improve after this treatment?
- Is it worth going through this treatment?
- How could this treatment improve my quality of life?
- What can I expect in the future?
- Are there any complementary therapies that may help?



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- Are there any experimental treatments or trials you could recommend for me?

- How often will I require further tests and scans such as:
 - Blood tests, urinalysis
 - X-rays
 - Scans (CT, MRI, bone, PET)

- Is there a counsellor I could talk to?

- Is there a support group I could join?

- Is there a palliative care team I can see?

- What will Medicare cover?

- I do/do not have private health insurance
 - What is the impact financially?
 - What is the impact on expediency of treatment?