

A guide to discuss biomarker testing

Biomarker testing can help your doctor see if certain treatment plans may work better for you. **When talking to your doctor, you may want to focus on:**

- Understanding what biomarkers are
- How they can help guide treatment decisions
- What's involved in biomarker testing

Questions to ask

Getting tested

- Was biomarker testing done with my biopsy?
- Am I a candidate for biomarker testing? If so, can we schedule an appointment?
- Does insurance cover biomarker testing?

The testing process

- What will happen during the testing process?
- Where does testing happen?
- How long will it take to get my results?
- How should I get ready for my biomarker testing procedure?
- Will testing be done using tissue or liquid biopsy?
- Will you be looking for one biomarker or several ("comprehensive biomarker testing")?

Understanding your results

- Were any biomarkers found?
- How will my test results guide my treatment plan?
- What happens if my biomarkers don't match any treatment options?
- Will I need to get retested, possibly for new biomarkers?
- Based on my results, should anyone in my family get screened for the same cancer that I have?

Notes