

If you have been **newly diagnosed with ovarian cancer**, these initial questions may help you have a discussion with your doctor and make informed decisions about treatment and care. Please also see the additional questions to ask your doctor in the resources below.

### Additional Questions to Ask the Doctor



### Additional Resources



For more information about ovarian cancer, please visit [ovarian.org](https://www.ovarian.org).

The National Ovarian Cancer Coalition does not provide medical advice.

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## QUESTIONS TO ASK YOUR DOCTOR: NEWLY DIAGNOSED



- What [type](#) and/or [sub-type](#) of ovarian cancer do I have? (refer to your pathology report)
- What [stage](#) (extent) is my cancer and what does that mean? Has my cancer spread beyond the ovaries? If so, what does this mean for me?
- Were any other tests done on my tumor that provide more information about my type of cancer? Will other tests be needed? If so, what kind? (genetic testing, biomarker testing)
- Can I get a copy of my [pathology report](#) that describes my diagnosis including what type and sub-type of ovarian cancer I have? What additional things will this report tell me that are important for me to know?
- Do you recommend genetic testing for inherited gene mutations that may help inform my treatment options and provide valuable information to my family?
- If I decide on genetic testing, what options for testing do I have? What would the pros and cons of testing be?
- What is your experience in treating this type of ovarian cancer? How much experience does this facility have with treating this type of ovarian cancer?
- Do I need to see other doctors or health professionals (cardiologist, dentist, etc.)? If so, will your office be assisting in making those appointments?
- Should I get a second opinion? How do I do that? Can you recommend someone?
- If I'm concerned about the costs and insurance coverage for my diagnosis and treatment, who can help me?
- Where can I find additional [mental and emotional support and resources](#)?