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

- 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**?