



# Questions To Ask Your Doctor About Prostate Cancer Treatment

**Get The Facts. Take Control.**

<b>TELL ME ABOUT MY CONDITION</b>			
What is the grade and stage of my cancer?			
Why is this important?			
Is the tumor localized (located within the prostate gland)?			
<b>LET'S COMPARE TREATMENT OPTIONS</b>	<b>BRACHYTHERAPY</b>	<b>SURGERY</b>	<b>EXTERNAL BEAM RADIATION</b>
How long is the procedure?			
Is the procedure painful?			
What is the recovery period?			
How long will my routine activities be limited following treatment?			
What side effects and complications can I expect?			
What can I expect from a "quality of life" standpoint?			
<b>TELL ME ABOUT YOUR EXPERIENCE</b>	<b>BRACHYTHERAPY</b>	<b>SURGERY</b>	<b>EXTERNAL BEAM RADIATION</b>
How many procedures have you performed?			
What percentage of your patients remain cancer-free and for how long?			
What percentage of your patients experience incontinence following the procedure?			
How do you define incontinence?			
What percentage of your patients experience impotence following the procedure?			
How do you define impotence?			



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ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS	
What should I expect from follow-up visits? How often and how many will I need?	
Will treatment impact my ability to have children?	
What should I do if I still want to have children?	
If I select Brachytherapy as my treatment, how long should I limit direct contact?	
What is likely to happen if I choose watchful waiting?	
Should I get another opinion?	
Will the treatment you recommend cure my prostate cancer?	