

# QUESTIONS FOR YOUR DOCTOR

\*DO YOU SPECIALIZE IN MY CONDITION?

\*HOW QUICKLY WILL I BE SEEN SHOULD I NEED AN APPOINTMENT?

\*WHAT IS MY DIAGNOSIS AND HOW DID YOU CONCLUDE THIS? COULD THIS BE SOMETHING ELSE? DO YOU KNOW THE CAUSE? WOULD YOU PLEASE EXPLAIN MY CONDITION TO ME?

\*WHAT IS MY PROGNOSIS?

\*HOW WILL THIS AFFECT MY DAILY LIFE?

\*WHAT ARE MY TREATMENT OPTIONS – MEDICATIONS, PROCEDURES, AND ALTERNATIVE THERAPIES? WHAT ARE THE SIDE EFFECTS AND RISKS OF THESE? WHICH DO YOU RECOMMEND GIVEN MY PERSONAL CIRCUMSTANCES?

\*WHAT TESTS WILL BE ORDERED? WHAT DO YOU HOPE TO CONCLUDE FROM THESE TESTS? WHAT ARE THE RISKS AND LIMITATIONS OF THESE TESTS? WHAT ARE THE COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH THESE TESTS? HOW AND WHEN WILL I RECEIVE THE RESULTS?

\*WHAT ARE YOUR TREATMENT GOALS FOR ME? HOW WILL WE EVALUATE MY PROGRESS TOWARD THESE GOALS?

\*WHAT SHOULD I DO IF MY SYMPTOMS WORSEN? UNDER WHAT CIRCUMSTANCES SHOULD I CONTACT YOUR OFFICE? WHEN SHOULD I SEEK IMMEDIATE HELP FROM AN URGENT CARE CENTER OR THE ER?

\*WHAT INFORMATIONAL AND SUPPORT RESOURCES ARE AVAILABLE TO ME?

\*SHOULD I SEEK A SECOND OPINION OR BE REFERRED TO OTHER SPECIALISTS?

