

AML: UNDERSTANDING TESTING QUESTIONS FOR YOUR DOCTOR



Your doctor or nurse will be able to answer questions about tests you may have had, or are about to have.

Thinking about the questions you would like to ask about AML and the diagnosis process may help to get the answers you need to feel better informed about this cancer.



QUESTIONS ABOUT THE TESTS USED TO DIAGNOSE AML:

BLOOD TESTS

- How and where will you take my blood from?.....
- Are there any effects from the test?.....
- How often will I have blood tests?.....
- What information does a blood test provide?.....
- If I've got a needle phobia, what can I do to help?.....

BONE MARROW TEST

- How long do bone marrow tests take?.....
- Do I need to prepare for a bone marrow test?.....
- Are there any effects from a bone marrow test?.....
- How often will I have a bone marrow test?.....
- How is a bone marrow test performed?.....
- What information does the test provide?.....

QUESTIONS FOR AFTER THE TESTS:

- How long until I get my results?.....
- What will happen between the tests and the results?.....

- Will I be able to go home between my tests and the results?.....
- Is there anything I can do to prepare for the results?.....
- What will happen if the results confirm AML?.....
- If I feel anxious or worried is there anything I can do to help?

QUESTIONS ABOUT THE RESULTS:

- What do the results mean for me?
- What is a blood count?
- What is my blood count and how does this compare to a 'healthy' count?
- What happens now that I have my results?
- Will I need to be referred to any other type of doctor?
- Do the results give an indication of the possible outcome (prognosis)?

QUESTIONS ABOUT GENETICS:

- Is my AML inherited?
- Is it possible that my children's genetics will make them more vulnerable to AML?
- Why do you need to know my genetic mutations?
- If I have AML, does it mean my family are more likely to develop it?
- What are my genetic mutations and what do they mean?

**YOUR DOCTOR OR NURSE IS THERE TO ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS YOU MAY HAVE.
FOR FURTHER SUPPORT, VISIT AMLCARE.CO.UK OR AMLCARE.IE**

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