

## **“Ask the Expert” Questions**

(Ages 4 – 12)

Children in an age-based support group for children and teens who have a parent with cancer asked the following questions when they met with an oncologist for an “Ask the Expert” session. These questions offer insight into the questions and concerns children have about cancer.

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ How many stages are there?</li> <li>➤ How do people get cancer?</li> <li>➤ Why is cancer dangerous?</li> <li>➤ Is cancer a germ?</li> <li>➤ Do aliens get cancer?</li> <li>➤ Do you get a lot of patients?</li> <li>➤ Can you use pillows in MRI's?</li> <li>➤ Do you like being a doctor?</li> <li>➤ Is it hard to tell what medicine someone needs?</li> <li>➤ What is the hardest part of your job?</li> <li>➤ Do all cancers get the same chemo medicine?</li> <li>➤ What part of your job do you like?</li> <li>➤ How do doctors help someone when they are going to die?</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Does cancer make you feel cold?</li> <li>➤ Is cancer THAT strong?</li> <li>➤ Can you give someone cancer?</li> <li>➤ Why is cancer NOT contagious?</li> <li>➤ Is my mom going to die?</li> <li>➤ Do you take care of pets also?</li> <li>➤ How can you tell what kind of cancer someone has?</li> <li>➤ What is the most popular type of cancer?</li> <li>➤ How do doctors clean the germs off of their hands?</li> <li>➤ How do patients feel when they are in the MRI machine?</li> <li>➤ What kind of cancer doctor are you?</li> </ul>
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## **“Ask the Expert” Questions**

(Ages 13 – 18)

Teens in an age-based support group for children and teens who have a parent with cancer asked the following questions when they met with an oncologist for an “Ask the Expert” session. These questions offer insight into the questions and concerns teens have about cancer.

<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>➤ What are side effects of treatments?</li><li>➤ How can I help/support my mom when she loses her hair?</li><li>➤ Is there anything besides radiation therapy that gets rid of cancer?</li><li>➤ Could you tell us about medicines that could make cancer more of a chronic illness?</li><li>➤ What makes some cancers curable and others not?</li><li>➤ What causes cancer?</li><li>➤ Can some cancers be caused by environmental things?</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>➤ Can babies get cancer?</li><li>➤ Is there a type of cancer called heart cancer?</li><li>➤ Are there types of cancer that can have a lump and then just go away?</li><li>➤ Is it possible to have a cancer that should start in one part of the body but it starts in another part of the body?</li><li>➤ Does the food you eat affect your chance of getting cancer?</li><li>➤ Can you explain why all tumors are not cancer?</li></ul>
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