Potential Patient Questions When Considering and Receiving Radiation Therapy for Pancreatic Cancer



At Consultation with Radiation Oncologist During Radiation Treatment After Radiation Therapy What type of radiation therapy do you If I have radiation therapy, will it affect other What are side effects from radiation therapy What are the main reasons patients have to that may show up later? How can I monitor treatment options? Would I be giving any up? recommend for me and why? quit or delay radiation treatments? for them? If I am not a candidate for radiation therapy, Can I receive chemotherapy or other What can we do to avoid or manage them? why not? treatments with radiation therapy? How much later? How long will I receive radiation therapy? Will radiation therapy make my surgery How many treatments will I receive per How can I recognize them? easier or more difficult? What can I do about them? week? If the surgeon 'got it all,' why should I receive What are symptoms that would require me Are there clinical trials for which I might be post-operative radiation therapy? Who can I call about them? to go to the ER? eligible? Should I participate in a clinical trial? Is there a maximum radiation dose I can What are symptoms that would require me receive over my lifetime? Which ones are concerning? What should I know about radiation therapy to call your office? when deciding if I should have it? If I have radiation therapy, will it impact the How long will my CA19-9 test results be What are symptoms that I should not worry ability to treat recurrence or metastases? Are you a high-volume center for pancreatic higher after radiation? about? cancer? If not, should I be treated at one? When can I start or resume other treatments What are my risks of a second cancer? What can I do to limit weight loss? Do I need How many patients with pancreatic (chemotherapy, clinical trial, etc.) after a special diet during or after my treatment? cancer do you treat? radiation therapy? How is my risk different if I have a genetic mutation (i.e. KRAS, TP53, BRCA1, Who will manage my care now that I am Are there certain tumor types that benefit Which foods may be easier for me to digest? BRCA2)? finished with radiation therapy? How often more from radiation therapy than others? do I need to return for checkups? Since medications to prevent nausea and I had molecular testing on a tumor vomiting work in different ways, should I What are reasons I should call you after my sample. Can radiation therapy impact have >1 on hand? the results or suggested treatments? treatment ends? I've been monitoring my CA19-9 marker What follow up scans and other testing How can radiation help control pain? levels closely. How will radiation therapy should I receive? CA = carbohydrate antigen affect my CA19-9 results?