

Your health care team has confirmed you have a lung nodule. You likely are wondering what's next and need information to feel confident in your plan moving forward. The following list of questions can help guide your conversations with your primary care provider or pulmonologist to better understand the next steps in your journey.

I have a lung nodule.

- Is the nodule cancerous or benign?
 - What does the size of my lung nodule mean?
 - What does it mean if I have multiple nodules?
 - What does it mean if my nodule increases in size?
- Will the nodule cause any symptoms that I can see or feel?
- Will the symptoms be different if the nodule is cancerous or benign?
- What factors put me at a greater risk for lung cancer?
- I don't have any of those risk factors. If I have lung cancer, what might have caused it?
- Do I need surgery?
- What are the next steps of my journey?
 - I have asked my care team about my diagnosis plan, and I am clear and comfortable with the next steps.
 - I have an appointment to/received a second opinion if I want one.
- Who is on my care team?
 - I understand how my care team will communicate with each other, and if I need to play a role.
 - I have a referral to a specialist from my PCP if needed.

Notes

I'm having/have heard of a biopsy of a lung nodule.

- What is a biopsy? What does it involve?
- Am I a candidate for a biopsy?
- What information do you hope to learn about the nodule from the biopsy? Will you be able to make a diagnosis?
- Do I have options around which type of biopsy is performed? What are the options if I don't want a biopsy?
 - I understand what options are available to me.

