QUESTIONS YOU SHOULD ASK YOUR DOCTOR OR NURSE PRACTITIONER

When it comes to your health, it is important to discuss your options with your physician or nurse practitioner. If you are scheduled for treatment or a diagnostic test, you may want to ask your family doctor, specialist or nurse practitioner the following questions:

- Why do I need this treatment or test?
- Can you describe the treatment or test?
- How necessary and how urgent is this treatment or test?
- What are the risks and benefits of this treatment or test?
- When can I expect to have my treatment?
- What can I do to prepare for this treatment or test?
- Will my condition change while I wait? What should I do if it does?
- Can I get this test or treatment sooner?
- If I do get this test or treatment somewhere else, what should I know?
- Who will coordinate my care after my treatment if I get it somewhere else?
- Why do I need to see a specialist?
- Why have you referred me to this specialist?
- What happens if I choose not to have this treatment or test?
- How long is the recovery period?
- Is there a wait list coordinator for my particular treatment or test?

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