NAVIGATING MYELOMA TREATMENT DECISIONS



The Pro-Active Myeloma Patient Toolkit

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Have you been diagnosed with multiple myeloma (MM)?

NO

YES

Have you had <u>essential</u> <u>myeloma testing</u> and discussed the results with your doctor?

NO

It's important you receive an accurate diagnosis and understand myeloma.

Prior to treatment, ask your doctor if you have had relevant myeloma testing, including cytogenetics. Test results help establish the stage and risk category of your myeloma which may inform prognosis and treatment decisions.

YES

Do you understand your myeloma <u>treatment options</u>?

NO

Learn about your treatment options, which may include a combination of the following:

- Chemotherapy and/or drug therapy
- Immunotherapy
- Radiation therapy
- Stem cell transplant
- Steroids
- Targeted therapy
- Clinical trials, which may provide access to treatments that are not yet approved.

YES

Have you discussed your treatment goals with your doctor?

NO

Myeloma treatment goals often include:

- Reducing your symptoms
- Slowing the progression of your disease
- Inducing remission
- Helping you live longer while maintaining quality of life

YES

Have you discussed your treatment options with your doctor?

NO

HOW CAN YOU TAKE ACTION?

- Learn more about factors that affect myeloma treatment decisions.
- Ask about essential myeloma testing and whether you need to be retested over time.
- Discuss clinical trials with your physician.
- Visit powerfulpatients.org/myeloma.

Factors that may affect your treatment options, include age, overall health and existing conditions. It's important to understand a treatment's course and potential side effects.

Talk to your doctor about the risks and benefits of each option as well as the potential outcome. If you don't feel supported or an active member of your team, then consider a second opinion.

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