Your Journey to Personalized Therapy for Metastatic Non-Small Cell Lung Cancer



What Is Driving Your Tumor?

- Your metastatic non-small cell lung cancer (mNSCLC) is unique
- You may not receive the same treatment as another person with the same type and stage of cancer
- Biomarker testing will help you and your treatment team decide which treatment will work best for you



Comprehensive Biomarker Testing to See Why Your Cancer Is Growing

- Biomarker testing looks for changes in the cell and protein levels associated with lung cancer growth
- This is not genetic testing, which identifies traits you inherit from a family member; you cannot pass this on to your children
- Most testing is performed on biopsy tissue from diagnosis, but it can also be completed by a liquid biopsy or blood draw
- Ask if your testing has been started, when will you see the results, and who will discuss them with you



Meet Your Treatment Team

You will likely need the experience and skills of several different medical and health professionals to treat your cancer

- Clinic Nurse
- Nurse/Patient Navigator
- Nurse Practitioner
- Physician Assistant
- Medical Oncologist
- Radiation Oncologist
- Radiologist
- Surgeon
- Clinical Pharmacist
- Pathologist

The Lab Will Analyze Your Cancer

It is important to "stop and wait" for your results



- Think of your cancer as an iceberg. The treatment team can see the top (type, subtype) but lab analysis will tell them what is underneath the surface making it grow
- It can take weeks for your biomarker tests to be completed

Biomarkers May Guide Treatment Decisions

- Biomarker test results will tell your treatment team what is making your cancer grow
- Biomarker testing results look for changes in your cancer only



- The results will help you and the treatment team make an informed decision by having the whole picture of your lung cancer
- Even if the test shows that you have no biomarkers, this information allows your doctor to focus on treatment that is right for you

You Have Options for Personalized Therapy

- When your results are complete, ask if targeted treatment is an option for you.
- You may always request a second opinion
- Biomarker testing will be an ongoing part of the discussions with your treatment team





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Let's work together

to create the right plan that fits your life goals and answers your concerns



Personalized care means you understand your diagnosis of metastatic non-small cell lung cancer (mNSCLC) and make informed decisions based on what matters most to you.

- Would you like to have family members or caregivers participate in the treatment discussion?
- What are your treatment goals?
- What questions do you have about mNSCLC?



Your treatment team will explain all available options to you so you can make treatment decisions together.

- What do you understand about your treatment options for mNSCLC?
- What is your understanding of possible biomarker test results?
- Do you understand when you will receive results?



Every cancer is unique. Your values, family, community, and lifestyle are also special. As you consider your options of care, think about what is important to you and voice any concerns.

- What is most important to you at this time?
- Do you have any financial concerns about support for your biomarker testing and treatment?
- Do you have any questions on waiting to get results?



It's important to know the biomarker results before choosing your treatment with your treatment team. Please ask if you need further information before making a treatment decision based on your testing results.

- Do you understand what the results mean for your treatment options?
- Are there other people who you want to talk with at this time?



Let's review the treatment plan you and your treatment team selected based on biomarker testing.

- Do you understand your follow-up appointments?
- Have all your questions been answered about your treatment plan?
- Do you see any possible challenges to your treatment plan?

Here are support programs and other community-based resources that can be of help to you:

CONQUER magazine's Guide for Patients with Lung Cancer

www.conquer-magazine.com/ lung-cancer-guide

Cancer Support Community Biomarker Testing for Lung Cancer

www.cancersupportcommunity.org/ biomarker-testing-tool

LUNGevity Biomarker Testing booklet

www.lungevity.org/sites/default/files/ request-materials/LUNGevity-biomarkertesting-booklet-112817.pdf

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