Questions to Ask Your Health Care Team:
A Diagnosis and Biomarker Testing Checklist

Learning more is one of the best ways to take control of your diagnosis. These are some questions that may help you start a conversation with your health care team. We also encourage you to ask additional questions that are important to you. Don't be afraid to ask your health care team to explain anything that you don't understand.

Questions to ask after getting a diagnosis

- ☐ What type of non–small cell lung cancer (NSCLC) do I have? (adenocarcinoma, squamous, other)
- ☐ What is the stage of my NSCLC? What does this mean?
- ☐ What diagnostic tests have I already received?
- ☐ Can you explain my test results and pathology report?
- ☐ Who is part of my treatment team?
- ☐ What are my treatment options?
  - ☐ Do I need additional scans, tests, or biopsies to plan my treatment?
  - ☐ Am I eligible for biomarker testing?
  - ☐ Am I eligible for any clinical trials?
- ☐ What other resources should I look into to learn more about my cancer diagnosis and treatment options?
- ☐ Should I get a second opinion?
- ☐ If I have questions or problems with reimbursement or financial coverage, who should I call?

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Before getting biomarker testing

- [ ] What is the goal of biomarker testing? What are you looking for?
- [ ] Have I already had any biomarker tests?
  - [ ] If not, am I eligible for testing? When can I receive biomarker testing?
  - [ ] If so, which ones? Should I be tested for anything else?
- [ ] Are there any complications from these tests?
- [ ] How long will it take to get the test results?
- [ ] Are there any limitations of biomarker testing?
- [ ] Will my insurance pay for these tests?

After getting biomarker testing

- [ ] What are the results of my biomarker tests?
- [ ] How do my biomarker test results affect my treatment?
  - [ ] The biomarker test results are positive; what are my treatment options?
  - [ ] The biomarker test results are negative; should I be retested?
  - [ ] The biomarker test results are unclear; should I be retested?
- [ ] Will I need these biomarker tests again? If so, why? When?
- [ ] How can I get a copy of my pathology report and biomarker test results?

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Be the strongest champion for your own care!

When you and your health care team work together to discuss your options and decide on a plan, you will better understand and have more confidence in your treatment.