

QUESTIONS TO ASK YOUR DOCTOR

Tumor Profiling

Every cell in your body has genes that contain the blueprints (genetic code) for your body. Likewise, every cell in a breast cancer tumor has genes. These genes contain the blueprints for the cancer.

Tumor profiling gives information about the genes in cancer cells. You may also hear the terms genomic testing or molecular profiling. This is a different test than genetic testing. Genetic tests, on the other hand, give people the chance to learn if their breast cancer (or family history of breast cancer) is due to an inherited gene mutation.

Results from these tests can be used to plan treatment. Talk with your doctor to see if tumor profiling will be done on your tumor. Here are some questions to help start the conversation.

Q: What is tumor profiling? How is it different from genetic testing?

A: _____

Q: Is tumor profiling right for me? If not, why not?

A: _____

Q: If so, which tumor profiling test do you recommend for me, and why?

A: _____

Q: What will we learn from this test?

A: _____

Q: What is involved in a tumor profiling test? Who will perform the test? When will I have it?

A: _____

Q: How long will it take to get the results back? Who will discuss the results with me?

A: _____

Q: How will the information be used to guide my care?

A: _____

Q: Who will discuss my treatment options with me? How much time do I have to make a treatment decision?

A: _____

Q: How can I get a copy of my tumor profiling test results?

A: _____

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