

DIAGNOSTIC TESTS: Questions to Ask Your Doctor

The value of doctor-patient relationship in improving your quality of care and ultimately your quality of life is invaluable. We ask our patients to actively participate in their healthcare and ask questions during their visit by printing this sheet and bringing it to your doctor's appointment.

Knowing what to ask and making sure you get all your questions answered, may require some planning. To help you during the visit (or afterwards), here are some common questions to ask your doctor when they order a Diagnostic Test. If you are not sure you understand the answer, please ask your doctor to explain it again.

- What is the name of the test?
- What is the test for?
- Where is the test done?
- Is the test the only way to find out what might be causing my symptoms?
- Do I need to do anything to prepare for the test?
- How long will it usually take to get my results, and should I schedule an appointment before I leave?
- What will the tests tell me?
- What happens after the test if it is negative? What happens if it is positive?

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