



## Questions To Ask Your Doctor About Prostate Cancer Treatment

**Get The Facts. Take Control.**

<b>TELL ME ABOUT MY CONDITION</b>		
What is the grade and stage of my cancer? Why is this important?		
Is the tumor localized (located within the prostate gland)?		
<b>LET'S COMPARE TREATMENT OPTIONS</b>	<b>BRACHYTHERAPY</b>	<b>SURGERY</b>
How long is the procedure?		
Is the procedure painful?		
What is the recovery period?		
How long will my routine activities be limited following treatment?		
What side effects and complications can I expect?		
What can I expect from a "quality of life" standpoint?		
<b>TELL ME ABOUT YOUR EXPERIENCE</b>	<b>BRACHYTHERAPY</b>	<b>SURGERY</b>
How many procedures have you done and when were they performed?		
What percentage of <i>your</i> patients remain cancer-free and for how long?		
What percentage of <i>your</i> patients experience incontinence following the procedure?		
How do you define incontinence?		
What percentage of <i>your</i> patients experience impotence following the procedure?		
How do you define impotence?		
<b>LET'S DISCUSS TYPES OF SEEDS</b>	<b>PALLADIUM-103</b>	<b>IODINE-125</b>
Which type of radioactive seed implants attack cancer faster?		
How long should I limit direct contact with family/children and/or spouse?		
Which type of seeds do you use?		
If you use iodine, why do you use it instead of palladium (TheraSeed <sup>®</sup> treatment)?		
Can you guarantee no last-minute substitutions of the selected seeds?		
<b>ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS</b>		
What should I expect from follow-up visits? How often and how many will I need?		
Will treatment impact my ability to have children? What should I do if I still want to have children?		
What is likely to happen if I choose watchful waiting?		
Should I get another opinion?		
Will the treatment you recommend cure my prostate cancer?		