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Questions to Ask About Chemotherapy

It's important to know that medicines and drugs used to treat cancer can be quite different and everyone's situation is different. **If you're considering traditional or standard chemotherapy as a treatment option, the questions below may be**

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- What can I do to get ready for treatment and decrease the chance of side effects?
- Can I take my other medicines, vitamins, and/or supplements while getting chemo?
- Will I need to change my [diet](#)⁵ in any way? Can I drink alcohol?
- Will I need to change my activities? [Exercise](#)⁶? Sexual activities?
- Will chemo affect my [ability to have children](#)⁷?
- Will I be able to [work while getting chemo](#)⁸?
- Will I also need surgery, radiation, or both? If so, when and why? What results can I expect?

If I have chemo after surgery or radiation, will it kill any remaining cancer cells?

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