

Pre-Diagnosis

I have a lump in my neck. What can it be?

What tests are available to find out what it is and how are these tests done?

What are the next steps and when will I get the results?

Should I bring a family member or friend when I come back for the results?

Diagnosis

What type of cancer is it?

What is my prognosis? How long am I going to live with this? How severe is my cancer?

Is my cancer hereditary? Do my family need to be tested?

Is there a cause for this type of cancer?

Can I have an overview of the treatment protocol and the timings?

What treatment options do I have?

Which surgeon do you recommend?

What will happen after surgery?

Is there psychological support available that I can use?

Do you have any information on the disease and the treatment?

Where can I find the patient support group for thyroid cancer?

What is your level of expertise on thyroid cancer treatment?

What is the best way for my family to help me?

Surgery

Do I have to go to surgery urgently?

How many operations have you done?

How many successful operations have you done out of all operations?

What do you consider a successful operation?

Have you seen complications in previous operations?

Can you explain what will happen during the surgery and what are potential side effects?

Will my voice/vocal cords be affected?

What will my scar look like and how long will it take to heal?

How can I prepare for the operation?

Will my life be the same after the surgery? Can I still do sports?

How long do I have to stay in the hospital after the surgery?

Targeted therapy / Systemic therapy

What are the likely side effects of treatment?

What can I do to reduce or avoid any side effects?

How long will I need to take the treatment for?

How effective is the treatment likely to be?

How can I best prepare before I start treatment?

Do I need to have treatment in hospital?

How often will I need follow up tests?

How will I know if the treatment is working?

Follow up

Who is responsible for me now in the follow up?

How will I be monitored after initial treatment?

How many times and for how long will I have follow-up tests?

What are the signals I should be aware of/concerned about?

What will happen if I have a recurrence? What will happen with my voice?

Will my lab tests always be run at the same lab?

Can I have a print out of my results after each test?

What are normal values so I can understand the test results?

What should I do, if I don't feel well and whom can I contact?

Do you offer psychological support to patients? Where can I get this?

Do I need to be on a special diet?

Do I need to ask for sick leave for any follow-up tests?
