

Asking your healthcare provider questions at any phase of your treatment will help you take an active role in managing your (or your child's) care. If you do not understand any part of the information your healthcare provider gives you, ask him or her to explain it in another way.

Doctor's name _____

Date of appointment or call _____

CML Drug Therapy

1. What is the phase of the CML diagnosis, and what is the goal of CML drug therapy?

2. How often and at what time of day should I take the CML drug? Can I take the CML drug with meals?

3. What happens if I miss a dose?

4. Are there any foods or liquids I should avoid eating or drinking while on CML drug therapy?

5. Will the CML drug therapy interfere with other drugs, vitamins, minerals, or herbal supplements that I may be taking?

6. What side effects can I expect, and are there any side effects that require immediate medical attention?

7. How can I reach the doctor after regular office hours?

Testing and Response

1. Are there any tests I will need before starting CML drug therapy?

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2. How often will I be tested for response? Hematologic?
Cytogenetic? Molecular?

3. Have I achieved a complete response? Hematologic?
Cytogenetic? Molecular?

4. How often will I need a marrow test?

5. Will your office send me reminders for follow-up visits
and tests?

6. Will I know if my CML is progressing?

7. What is the next option for my CML therapy if I cannot
tolerate the current CML drug therapy?

8. Are there other options if the CML does not respond as
expected?

Notes

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