

- Why is early biomarker testing important to my stomach cancer treatment?
  - Tumor-related biomarkers, as well as a person's unique genetic biomarkers, have the potential to impact a patient's stomach cancer diagnosis, prognosis and treatment. It is important to test for biomarkers *as soon as* treatment is being considered, because it is important to know if a particular biomarker is driving your cancer. Not all stomach cancers have the same biomarkers, and there are a variety of drugs available that may only be useful and available when certain biomarkers are present. Every stomach cancer is *unique*, and testing early for your cancer's specific biomarkers ensures that you and your healthcare team can identify the very best personalized treatment options – now and in the future.
- How might my biomarkers be tested?
  - Biomarkers can be tested for in biopsies or in blood. It is important to test for biomarkers *as soon as* treatment is being considered. Every stomach cancer is *unique*, and testing early for your cancer's specific biomarkers ensures that you and your healthcare team can identify the very best personalized treatment options – now and in the future. Learn more.
- How much does biomarker testing cost, and will insurance cover it?
  - Many common insurers cover the cost of most biomarker testing. Liquid biopsies are an exception, however, and sometimes it can cost a patient up to \$4000 out of pocket.
- Where can I get tested for biomarkers?
  - Stomach cancer biomarker testing will typically be ordered by your oncologist, and may be conducted in an oncology center, hospital or pathology lab.
- What if I don't have an actionable biomarker?
  - Every patient newly diagnosed with stomach cancer has reason to hope that standard treatments will work for them. However, *every tumor tells a unique story*, and it is possible that your future cancer treatment may be affected by an emerging biomarker. Testing now will help ensure that you and your healthcare team will be able to identify the very best personalized treatment options – now and in years to come.