

What to ask the interventional radiologist about TheraSphere

Schedule an appointment with an interventional radiologist and use the questions below to guide your conversation about whether TheraSphere may be an appropriate part of your treatment plan.



Overview

- What are my treatment choices?
- What is the goal of treatment with TheraSphere?
- Is TheraSphere right for me? If not, why?
- If TheraSphere is not right for me now, could it be in the future?
- Will my ability to receive TheraSphere be affected by previous liver treatments?
- If I receive TheraSphere, will my ability to have future treatments be affected? (e.g., surgery, ablation, transplant or clinical trials)
- What are the risks and benefits of TheraSphere for my specific situation?
- How soon do I need to start treatment?

Treatment

- Where will my treatment take place?
- How long does the procedure take? How is it performed?
- Will there be more than one TheraSphere treatment?
- What should I do to be ready for treatment?

Post-treatment

- Will I need to stay in the hospital after treatment?
- Can I expect side effects?
- Will I need to make any lifestyle changes after treatment?
- Are there any radiation safety precautions I should follow?
- What will my treatment plan look like after TheraSphere? (e.g., additional liver treatments, chemotherapy or immunotherapy)
- Where will follow-up visits take place?

Recovery

- In what situations should I contact your office after treatment?
- How long will the benefits of TheraSphere typically last, and what happens next?
- What will we do if the treatment doesn't work or if the cancer comes back?

