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When learning you have cancer, your world goes into free-fall.

With all the questions going through your head, you need to be aware of all your options. You do have choices and it's important to make the treatment decision that is right for you.

At our Second Opinion Clinic, our team of nationally recognized cancer experts are at the forefront of cancer care and can offer you next-generation treatment options that are unavailable at most hospitals in the region. Our team will meet with you to review your case and ensure you are receiving the most advanced treatment available, including access to research and clinical trials.

Second opinions are available for newly diagnosed cancer patients, as well as those who have experienced a change in condition, such as recurrence, and need reassessments or more extensive evaluations.

Whether recommending changes or reinforcing your current cancer treatment plan, our goal is to help you understand your options so you can select the best treatment plan for you.

WHY SHOULD YOU SEEK A SECOND OPINION?

An accurate cancer diagnosis is critical. First, make sure your diagnosis is correct. Cancer is a complicated disease and it takes a level of sophistication and expertise to diagnose correctly.

Know the extent of your cancer before beginning treatment. The most important treatment decision you will make is the first treatment. It is important that your cancer has been staged correctly. A clear understanding of the stage of your cancer and location will determine the best treatment plan for you.

Cancer treatment should be highly individualized. Be sure you gather as much information as possible to make an informed decision that is best for you and your quality of life.

GETTING A SECOND OPINION IS SIMPLE

Step 1: Call (317) 528-1420 or email SecondOpinion@franciscanalliance.org to speak with our Second Opinion Clinic Nurse Navigator. Our nurse navigator will review your case with you and determine what service is needed. A personalized second opinion consultation will then be scheduled with a team of physicians based upon your cancer diagnosis. The team may include medical oncologists, radiation oncologists, surgeons, pathologists, radiologists, research coordinators and others.

The navigator will take care of obtaining any previous medical records and test results from your current doctors. It should not take more than a week for the navigator to obtain your records and schedule you for a second opinion appointment.

Step 2: During your appointment, your personalized physician team will review your situation with you and discuss appropriate treatment options. You will talk about your original diagnosis, tests, procedures and available treatments.

Whatever you decide, there’s never any obligation to come to Franciscan Health for treatment or to see one of our physicians.

WHEN TO SEEK A SECOND OPINION

- When your cancer feels under control, but you’re not sure if the stages are correct
- When you’re getting conflicting information from different physicians
- When you believe your cancer is not under control and would like a second opinion on treatment options
- When you need reassessment of your cancer status
- When you have not seen a specialist or an oncologist
- When you feel you are not getting the best care you can receive
- When you feel your treatment is not effective
- When you or your loved ones are not clear about your care plans or how your cancer is progressing

Research and clinical trials can provide you with access to leading-edge treatment options not widely available. Ask your physician if a clinical trial is right for you.