

Questions to Ask Your Doctor About a Diagnostic Test

Your health care is a team effort, and you are the most important member. To make sure you get the best possible care, be prepared for your appointment and don't be afraid to ask questions before, during and after your visit. We've prepared a list of common questions to ask your provider. If you don't understand your provider's answers, don't be afraid to ask for further explanation so you can follow through on suggestions for your long-term wellness.

- **What is the name of this test?**
- **Why do I need it?**
- **Is this a one-time test?**
- **Is it accurate?**
- **How is it done?**
- **How do I prepare for this test?**
- **How long will it take?**
- **How will I get the results?**
- **What will this test tell me?**
- **Is my test covered by my health insurance?***
- **Can this test be sent to an in-network lab?**
- **What is the next step after I get results back?**

Notes:

*Coverage does not imply 100 percent payment.
May apply to deductible/coinsurance/out-of-pocket amounts.



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