

# BIOMARKER CONVERSATION STARTER

**COMPREHENSIVE BIOMARKER TESTING** can help your doctors identify your best treatment options. Knowing your cancer's biomarkers can help you make well-informed decisions about how your cancer will be treated, allowing you to be your own best advocate.

To learn more about biomarkers and to read stories by lung cancer patients and survivors who have experienced comprehensive biomarker testing, visit [LUNgevity.org](http://LUNgevity.org).

Wondering how to open the conversation with your doctor about biomarkers? **Start with these questions:**

## HAVE I HAD MY CANCER'S BIOMARKERS TESTED?

YES

What do my results mean for my treatment plan?

NO

Will my tumor be tested? When?

## ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS TO ASK YOUR HEALTHCARE TEAM ABOUT COMPREHENSIVE BIOMARKER TESTING:

### BEFORE GETTING COMPREHENSIVE BIOMARKER TESTING:

- What are you trying to find with biomarker tests?
- Have I been tested for these biomarkers: EGFR, ALK, KRAS, ROS1, BRAF V600E, NTRK, MET exon 14 skipping, RET, and PD-L1?
- How are the tests performed?
- Are there any complications from these tests?
- How long will it take to get the test results?
- Are there any limitations of comprehensive biomarker testing?
- Will insurance pay for these tests?

### AFTER GETTING COMPREHENSIVE BIOMARKER TESTING:

- Did you test me for EGFR, ALK, KRAS, ROS1, BRAF V600E, NTRK, MET exon 14 skipping, RET, and PD-L1?
- What are the results of these tests?
- How will the results affect my treatment?
- The test results are negative: should I be retested?
- The test results are not clear: should I be retested?
- Are there any medications that target my type of lung cancer?
- Are there any clinical trials open to me based on these results?
- Will I need these tests again? If so, why? When?
- How can I get a copy of the report with my biomarker testing results?

## GET CLEAR ON YOUR BIOMARKER STATUS.

Ask your healthcare team to perform comprehensive biomarker testing when you are diagnosed and at progression.