



A rare but treatable disease

Upper Tract Urothelial Cancer

Talking to your doctor

Before you and your urologist can choose the right treatment for you, it's important to find out exactly what's going on with your cancer. Be sure to ask a lot of questions and get as much information as possible.

Here are some important questions to ask:

Is my cancer low grade or high grade?

What stage is my cancer?

Where is my tumor/where are my tumors located?

What are my options for treatment?

What do the treatments mean for me outside of treating my cancer?

Is there a long recovery?

Will my treatment have an impact on my life or general health?

What are the chances that my cancer could come back?

How many times per year do you do this treatment/procedure?

If this treatment doesn't work or my cancer comes back, what will we do next?

Also, ask for a copy of your pathology reports, CT scans, and operative reports. These are important documents to have for your records and will come in handy if you decide to get a second opinion.

Other notes:

UTUC and you

To help you understand exactly what's going on with your UTUC, use the drawing below to have a conversation with your urologist.

UTUC happens in the lining of the upper part of the urinary tract, in the

- 1 Kidneys
- 2 Ureters

Sometimes it can happen in the lining of the kidney and ureter at the same time.

Ask your urologist to point out the location of your tumor(s) so that you can understand your treatment options.

