

# Talking to Your Oncologist About Molecular Profiling

**Cholangiocarcinoma** (*ko-LAN<sup>3</sup>-jee-o-car-sin-O<sup>3</sup>-ma*), or bile duct cancer, may be caused by a number of different abnormal genes or gene defects, so not every case is the same. Your oncologist can use a technique called **molecular profiling** to learn more about your tumor. With molecular profiling, healthcare professionals closely examine cells from your tumor to identify unique genomic mutations that may be present. This information may help you and your healthcare team take the appropriate steps forward on your journey.

**Consider what is most important to you and discuss your answers with your oncologist, Dr. \_\_\_\_\_**

*(your oncologist's name)*

- Learning more about my specific tumor (i.e., through molecular profiling)
- My prognosis
- My cancer management plan
- Clinical trial participation
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_



## Questions to ask your oncologist

I'm interested in molecular profiling. Could you tell me more about how it works?

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What type of information would molecular profiling provide about my cancer, and how might it impact how we move forward?

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What types of molecular profiling are available to me? Which type do you recommend and why?

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Does the test look for all types of abnormal genes or gene defects in cholangiocarcinoma?

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How do we get started with molecular profiling?

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How long does molecular profiling take? When would we receive the results?

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I have already had a biopsy. Is molecular profiling still an option? *(This question only applies if you have had a previous biopsy.)*

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How much would molecular profiling cost? Does my insurance cover it?

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Could the results of molecular profiling qualify me for any specific clinical trials?

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