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The first few days

The questions that come in the first week, including the ones that feel too big to say out loud.



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What each treatment is doing

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The days in between

What treatment does to the rest of you, what helps, and what is worth a phone call at two in the morning.



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How you are actually doing

Fear, anger, guilt, the days before a scan, and the money and work worries that sit underneath all of it.



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The people around you

Who to tell, who is looking after you, and what to say when someone says the wrong thing.



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If we offer you a trial

What a trial is, who decides what, and what you can say no to.



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Cards on the Table: a one-page guide

Cards on the Table answers, in plain words, the questions people ask after a cancer diagnosis and when they are offered a clinical trial. It is written by two physicians, reads at a US grade 4.8 level across the whole deck, and is free in English, Spanish, Chinese, Hindi, Yorùbá and Vietnamese.

Using it in clinic

1. **At a first appointment**, hand over the Taking Notes planner, or point to the poster. People remember less than half of what is said in the room; the planner gives them somewhere to put it.
2. **Match the book to where the person is**. Just told, starting treatment, struggling, offered a trial: each table card opens the book for that moment, one question to a page.
3. **When a trial is on the table**, share the trial book before the consent conversation, so the words randomization, placebo and phase are not new in that meeting.
4. **Ask what was unclear**. Every card ends by sending the reader back to their team. The questions they bring are the ones worth your time.

What it is not

- It is education, not medical advice, and it never replaces the conversation with the treating team.
- It is not a consent form and does not describe any specific trial or drug.

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