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SYMPTOMS, MEDICAL MONITORING AND TREATMENTS DURING COVID
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5 POINTS TO REMEMBER.

1. WHAT IS MY RISK OF BEING EXPOSED TO THE COVID VIRUS DURING MY APPOINTMENTS OR DURING MY TREATMENT IN A HOSPITAL CENTER?

If an exam needs to be done and an appointment is confirmed, or you need to start treatment for your prostate cancer, don't be afraid to go. The hospitals have taken the necessary measures to ensure your safety. You will be informed of them before your appointment. Wearing a mask is mandatory at all times, as are public health guidelines..

2. CAN I ACCOMPANY MY PARTNER DURING HIS TREATMENT FOR PROSTATE CANCER?

Since the end of June 2020, visits to hospitals have been authorized for family caregivers, visitors and accompanying persons, under certain conditions. In the event of an outbreak this fall, these conditions may be modified. To be sure, it is better to confirm with your doctor and the hospital administration.

3. I HAVE JUST BEEN DIAGNOSED WITH PROSTATE CANCER AND I AM WORKING IN THE PUBLIC DOMAIN (SCHOOL, HEALTH FACILITIES, ETC.). SHOULD I TAKE A PREVENTIVE LEAVE AND COME BACK AFTER MY TREATMENT?

Not all patients can afford it financially or are covered by their insurance. If you can do it, do not hesitate. Be aware, however, that hospitals have taken the necessary measures to ensure your safety and that of their staff. In addition, whether you take preventive leave or not, it is doubly important to follow the sanitary instructions - hand washing, distancing, wearing a mask - before, during and after your treatment.

4. COULD MY TREATMENT BE STOPPED IF I HAVE COVID SYMPTOMS?

If you are undergoing treatment in a hospital center, for example radiotherapy, chemotherapy or if you are participating in a clinical trial, contact your medical team to inform them of your situation and follow the advice they will give you, in addition to following the public health instructions. And do not hesitate to ask questions with regards to the impact, if any, on your cancer.

5. IN THE EVENT OF A 2ND MAJOR COVID WAVE AND MY TREATMENT IS POSTPONED, CAN MY CANCER PROGRESS?

Fortunately, most prostate cancers are diagnosed early, grow more slowly than other cancers, which allows flexibility in treatment times without causing you harm.

Rest assured, doctors are well aware of the risks associated with treatment, the risk of the COVID epidemic, but also the risks associated with interrupting treatment, especially with regard to the progression of your cancer. This is why an oncology vigilance committee is in place and each patient file is scrutinized to determine whether there is an emergency to treat or not, in order to limit exposure to this virus.