



SMA CARE

THINGS TO CONSIDER WHEN MAKING TREATMENT DECISIONS

When discussing treatment options with your or your child's doctor, list the questions you or your child wish to ask in order of importance. That way, if time is limited, the questions that are the most important, can be asked first.



POTENTIAL BENEFITS

- What treatment options are available?
- How do they work?
- How effective are they?
- How will these treatment options help me, or my child reach our treatment goals?
- What is the evidence for their effectiveness?



POTENTIAL SIDE EFFECTS

- What are the potential side effects?
- How likely is it that I/my child will experience these side effects?
- What should I do if I/my child experiences side effects?



LOGISTICS

- How is the treatment administered and how often?
- Will treatment be given in a hospital, or can it be given at home?



EXPERIENCE

- How will I know if the treatment is working?
- Is special monitoring required?
- What happens if it does not work?
- What happens if I don't choose any of the available options?
- How much time do I have to decide about treatment?
- Are there any family planning considerations to be taken into account?