



## Biomarker Testing is a Critical Part of Your Treatment Planning

Knowing your biomarkers can help you and your doctor make better decisions about your treatment

#### What are biomarkers?

Everyone's cancer is different with unique features, such as:

- Changes in your tumor DNA or RNA
- · High levels of certain proteins

These changes are known as biomarkers.

Biomarkers help your doctor learn more about your cancer, including which treatments are most likely to be right for you.

# Biomarkers testing is used to plan treatment

## Your doctor can use biomarker test results to:

- Choose treatments that have worked for other patients with your biomarker
- Avoid treatments that are not likely to work and may even be harmful
- Identify promising new therapies in clinical trials that may benefit you

## Wait for biomarker test results before starting treatment

Many patients who receive treatments based on biomarker testing results live longer.

### You have options for biomarker testing

Biomarker testing can be done using a piece of tissue from your tumor or blood sample.



#### Liquid (blood) biopsy

- Requires a small amount of your blood
- Requires a simple blood test
- Results in 7 days or less



#### **Tissue Biopsy**

- Requires a small piece of your tumor
- Requires a needle or surgical biopsy
- Results in a few weeks

Talk to your doctor about which test is right for you.