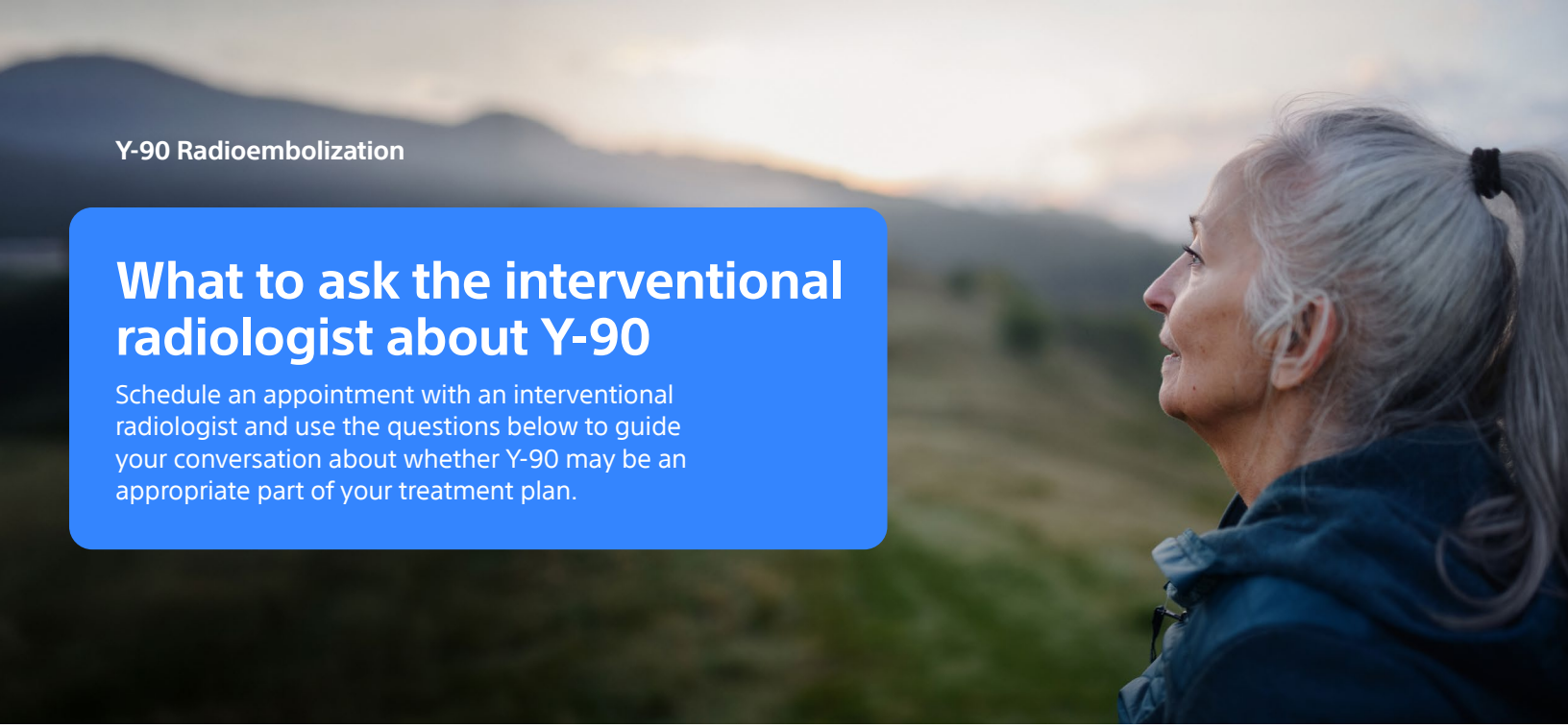

Y-90 Radioembolization

What to ask the interventional radiologist about Y-90

Schedule an appointment with an interventional radiologist and use the questions below to guide your conversation about whether Y-90 may be an appropriate part of your treatment plan.

Overview

- What are my treatment choices?
- What is the goal of treatment with Y-90?
- Is Y-90 right for me? If not, why?
- If Y-90 is not right for me now, could it be in the future?
- Will my ability to receive Y-90 be affected by previous liver treatments?
- If I receive Y-90, will my ability to have future treatments be affected? (e.g., surgery, ablation, chemo, transplant or clinical trials)
- What are the risks and benefits of Y-90 for my specific situation?
- How soon do I need to start treatment?

Treatment

- Where will my treatment take place?
- How long does the procedure take? How is it performed?
- Will there be more than one Y-90 treatment?
- What should I do to be ready for treatment?

Post-treatment

- Will I need to stay in the hospital after treatment?
- Can I expect side effects?
- Will I need to make any lifestyle changes after treatment?
- Are there any radiation safety precautions I should follow?
- What will my treatment plan look like after Y-90? (e.g., additional liver treatments, chemotherapy or immunotherapy)
- Where will follow-up visits take place?

Recovery

- In what situations should I contact your office after treatment?
- How long will the benefits of Y-90 typically last, and what happens next?
- What will we do if the treatment doesn't work or if the cancer comes back?

Learn more about Y-90

Additional questions or notes

Important Safety Information
TheraSphere Microspheres are small radioactive glass beads that treat liver cancer. With all medical procedures, there are risks associated with the procedure and the use of the device. Although the radioactivity continues to go down over time, the glass beads will remain permanently in your liver. The risks include but are not limited to • Bleeding from the stomach or intestines • Fatigue (feeling very tired) • Fever • Infection • Loss of appetite • Mild abdominal discomfort • Nausea • Radiation damage to other locations (including but not limited to lungs, gallbladder, stomach, intestines) • Stomach or intestinal ulcer • Temporary changes in liver and blood tests • Vomiting. Rarely the treatment may cause worsening of your liver function that could lead to liver failure and death. Tell your doctor if side effects continue or get worse. Be aware that some side effects may last longer or, rarely, become permanent. Everyone responds differently to their treatment. These are not all the possible side effects you may feel. Contact your doctor if you experience any side effects. Be sure to talk with your doctor so that you thoroughly understand all of the risks and benefits associated with the use of the device. 97574929