

### **Questions to Ask Your Physician**

- How many MPN patients do you see?
- How long have you been seeing MPN patients?
- What kinds of treatments are available?
- What will the treatment you prescribe do?
- Will I be in remission?
- Will treatments just address my symptoms?
- Are there clinical trials going on now?
- Am I a candidate for a clinical trial?
- What should I expect if I want to have children?
- Do men and women with MPNs have different issues?
- What side effects are there with treatments?
- How long will I have to take drugs?
- What are red flags over the course of my treatment?
- Will I convert to another blood cancer?
- How do you feel about alternative treatments?
- What should my family/caregiver know?
- Is depression as prevalent with an MPN as other cancers?
- What life changes or health changes should I make?
- If my treatment is not covered by my insurance, what alternatives do I have?
- Will this diagnosis and treatment affect my intimate relationships?
- Are you open to my choices and input in caring for my cancer?
- Do you get updates on clinical trials and other up to date information about MPN research, etc.?
- I am tracking my lab reports and how I feel at each visit. Can I have copies of my lab reports?