



# Questions to Ask Your Doctor

## About a Treatment for Invasive Candidiasis

Have you diagnosed me (or my loved one) with invasive candidiasis? If so, where is it?

Do you know the genus/species?

Have you performed antifungal susceptibility testing? If not, is this something that you can obtain?

What is my treatment plan, and will there be lasting effects when the plan is completed?

Is there a possibility of recurrence?

What drug are you going to use first?

How do I take that medication?

How long will I have to take that medication?

Will this drug interact with any of my other medications? If it does, who is responsible for letting the provider prescribing those other medications know that I am starting or stopping the antifungal drug?

How do you know if the medication is working?

What are the side effects?

Will I need additional laboratory tests to monitor me while I am on this medication?

What is the cost of the medication? How will you help me with insurance?

What will we do if it does not work?

Will I need any other treatments? Will I "step down" to a less intense medication?

Do you anticipate that I will leave the hospital on treatment? Will that be IV or oral? Will I have to have a special line to receive the medication?

If I leave on IV medication, how often will I need to receive an infusion? Where will I go for that infusion?

How will you control the source of the Candida?

Is there a plan for an eye exam?

Will you have to monitor my heart?

Do you think I am an appropriate candidate for a clinical trial? Why or why not?