

# Medical Tests Questionnaire

Print this form and ask the questions that will help you get the most out of your doctor's visit.

**To assist in getting the right information while visiting the doctor, the National Institute on Aging suggests asking the following questions About Tests Ordered:**

## About Medical Tests

Name of test \_\_\_\_\_

Why do I need this test? \_\_\_\_\_

What will it show about my health? \_\_\_\_\_

What will it cost? \_\_\_\_\_

Will my health insurance cover the costs?  Yes  No \_\_\_\_\_

What do I need to do to get ready for the test? You may not be able to eat before the medical test. \_\_\_\_\_

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How is the test done? \_\_\_\_\_

What steps does the medical test involve? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Are there any dangers or side effects? \_\_\_\_\_

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How will I find out the results of my test? \_\_\_\_\_

How long will it take to get the results? \_\_\_\_\_

What will we know after the test? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

When the results of the test are ready, make sure the doctor tells you what they are and explains what they mean. You may want to ask your doctor for a written copy of the test results. If the test is done by someone other than your regular doctor, like a specialist, ask to have the results sent to your primary doctor.



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