

START THE CONVERSATION

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Gene-therapy overview

- What is gene therapy?
- What are the types of gene therapy?
- Is gene therapy considered a cure?
- What are the benefits of gene therapy?

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Safety and risks

- Is gene therapy safe?
- What side effects are expected with gene therapy?
- Do side effects change based on the gene therapy?
- What are the risks with gene therapy?
- What if a gene-therapy treatment doesn't work?

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Gene-therapy process

- How does gene therapy work and what are the steps in the process?
- How long is the gene-therapy process?
- Does gene therapy take place in the hospital?
- How long does it take to recover from gene therapy?
- Are there any pretreatments and, if so, what are some things I should expect with them?
- Is there anything else I need to prepare for before a gene-therapy treatment?

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Personal journey

- What steps would I need to take to find out if I am eligible for gene therapy?
- What resources exist to provide me with more information on gene therapy?
- What kind of support system should I have in place to help me on this journey?
- How might the gene therapy process affect my friends and family?
- How could this journey affect me mentally and emotionally?

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You may have additional questions as you continue to learn more about gene therapy and what it could mean for you. Use this section of the guide or a notes app on your phone to keep track of your questions and conversations with your healthcare team.
