Young Adults

Questions to Ask When Seeking a Second Opinion

Prior to scheduling the appointment:

1. Do you accept my insurance?
2. Do you diagnose and treat patients with primary immunodeficiency diseases? (If already diagnosed, name the specific primary immunodeficiency disease.)
3. How many patients with primary immune deficiency diseases are treated at your facility?
4. For individuals receiving Ig replacement therapy:
   - Do you prescribe IVIG and SCIG?
   - Do you prescribe more than one brand of immunoglobulin?
   - Do you offer patients receiving IVIG the option of receiving their infusion in a medical or home setting?
5. What types of medical information would the provider like to receive, and how should it be sent? (such as hand-delivered on day of appointment, faxed, emailed, postal mailed)

One week before the first appointment:

1. Have you received medical information related to my case, which was sent via fax, email or postal mail?

At the first appointment:

1. Do you agree with the current diagnosis, or could there be another explanation to my symptoms?
2. Do you agree with my current treatment, or would you make modifications?
3. Do additional medical tests need to be completed?
4. Are you sure all medical options have been explored?