Questions to Ask Your Healthcare Provider

Here are some questions you should consider asking at your next doctor's appointment!

Understanding your Condition

- What is happening within my body to create my symptoms? What is [GBS or CIDP or MMN]?
- When determining my diagnosis what are you looking for specifically? What kinds of tests will you order?
- What are variants and mimics? How do we recognized whether I may have one?
- What are some symptoms that I could experience within the next week, month, and so on?
- I suffer from _____. Can other illnesses and hereditary complications impact my condition?
- □ I read____, what does ____ mean?
- Can I overcome this?
- How will this condition affect my mental health?
- Are there support groups or counseling services available for individuals coping with similar challenges?

Treatments and Managing Symptoms

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- □ How is my condition treated?
- How will these treatments affect my quality of life?
- What does IVIg, SCIg, and Plasmapheresis treatment look like?
- Where will I have the treatment done?
- How long will it take for me to find the right treatment, right dosage, and schedule of treatment?
- Are there any changes or adjustments to treatment that might be necessary over time?
- What if my body does not respond to treatment or I begin to have troublesome side effects? Are there other options for treatment?
- Does treatment differ for variants or mimics?
- ☐ What are the risks of treatment?
- Are there non-medicinal or alternative therapies I can purse along with my current treatment?
- What role does physical therapy or occupational therapy play as part of my treatment plan?
- Are there any assistive devices you recommend for me?

Long Term Outcomes **Residual Management** □ Is it possible for me to go into remission? Even though my treatment is helping, I ☐ Will my condition change over time? Will it still experience symptoms? What can get worse? I do to alleviate these troublesome ○ Will I need to be on treatment forever? symptoms of my condition? How often should I have follow-up □ What do you recommend for pain appointments or check-ups? management? Are there any lifestyle changes or ☐ How do I manage my fatigue? precautions I should be aware of? Could my long-term symptoms be affected by other conditions or are they solely from my neurological condition? Can physical therapy and/or occupational therapy help my residual symptoms? Are there dietary changes that might help manage my residual symptoms and support my overall health? Do you recommend any vitamins or supplements? Does my mental health affect my physical symptoms?

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