### Potential Patient Questions When Considering and Receiving Radiation Therapy for Pancreatic Cancer

#### At Consultation with Radiation Oncologist
- What type of radiation therapy do you recommend for me and why?
  - If I am not a candidate for radiation therapy, why not?
  - How long will I receive radiation therapy? How many treatments will I receive per week?
  - Are there clinical trials for which I might be eligible? Should I participate in a clinical trial?
- What should I know about radiation therapy when deciding if I should have it?
  - Are you a high-volume center for pancreatic cancer? If not, should I be treated at one?
  - How many patients with pancreatic cancer do you treat?
  - Are there certain tumor types that benefit more from radiation therapy than others?
  - I had molecular testing on a tumor sample. Can radiation therapy impact the results or suggested treatments?
  - How can radiation help control pain?

#### During Radiation Treatment
- If I have radiation therapy, will it affect other treatment options? Would I be giving any up?
  - Can I receive chemotherapy or other treatments with radiation therapy?
  - Will radiation therapy make my surgery easier or more difficult?
  - If the surgeon ‘got it all,’ why should I receive post-operative radiation therapy?
- What are the main reasons patients have to quit or delay radiation treatments?
  - What can we do to avoid or manage them?
  - How can I recognize them?
- What are symptoms that would require me to go to the ER?
- What are symptoms that would require me to call your office?
- What are symptoms that I should not worry about?
  - What can I do to limit weight loss? Do I need a special diet during or after my treatment?
  - Which foods may be easier for me to digest?

#### After Radiation Therapy
- What are side effects from radiation therapy that may show up later? How can I monitor for them?
  - How much later?
  - What can I do about them?
  - Which ones are concerning?
- How long will my CA19-9 test results be higher after radiation?
- When can I start or resume other treatments (chemotherapy, clinical trial, etc.) after radiation therapy?
- Who will manage my care now that I am finished with radiation therapy? How often do I need to return for checkups?
- What are reasons I should call you after my treatment ends?
- What follow up scans and other testing should I receive?

#### CA = carbohydrate antigen