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## Endometriosis: questions to ask your doctor

**If you've been diagnosed with endometriosis you may want to talk to your doctor to find out more. Here are some questions you may want to ask your doctor.**

### Questions for women with pain

- Could my pain be due to endometriosis?
- What else could it be?
- How can you tell whether it's endometriosis?
- Do I need a laparoscopy, or are there any simple treatments I can try first?
- If I have drug treatment what side effects should I expect?
- Will I need time off work?
- Will I be able to take care of my home, play sports, or drive a car while I'm having tests or treatment?
- Will endometriosis make it harder for me to have a baby?
- Will the treatment for endometriosis affect my chances of having a baby?
- Will treatment cure my pain for good?
- What happens if the pain comes back?
- If my pain is very bad, does it mean my endometriosis is very bad, too?
- If sex hurts, should I stop having sex?

### Questions for women having trouble getting pregnant

- Could endometriosis be stopping me from getting pregnant?
- Will treating my endometriosis help me to get pregnant?
- Do I need surgery?
- Do I need any more tests?

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- Will I need time off work? Will I be able to look after my home, play sports, or drive a car while I'm having tests or treatment?
- Would in vitro fertilization (IVF) or other treatments for infertility help me?
- Which treatments are most likely to work?
- What is your success rate for women with endometriosis trying to get pregnant?
- If I have a baby, will it be easier to get pregnant next time?
- Could I get pregnant naturally if I keep trying?

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