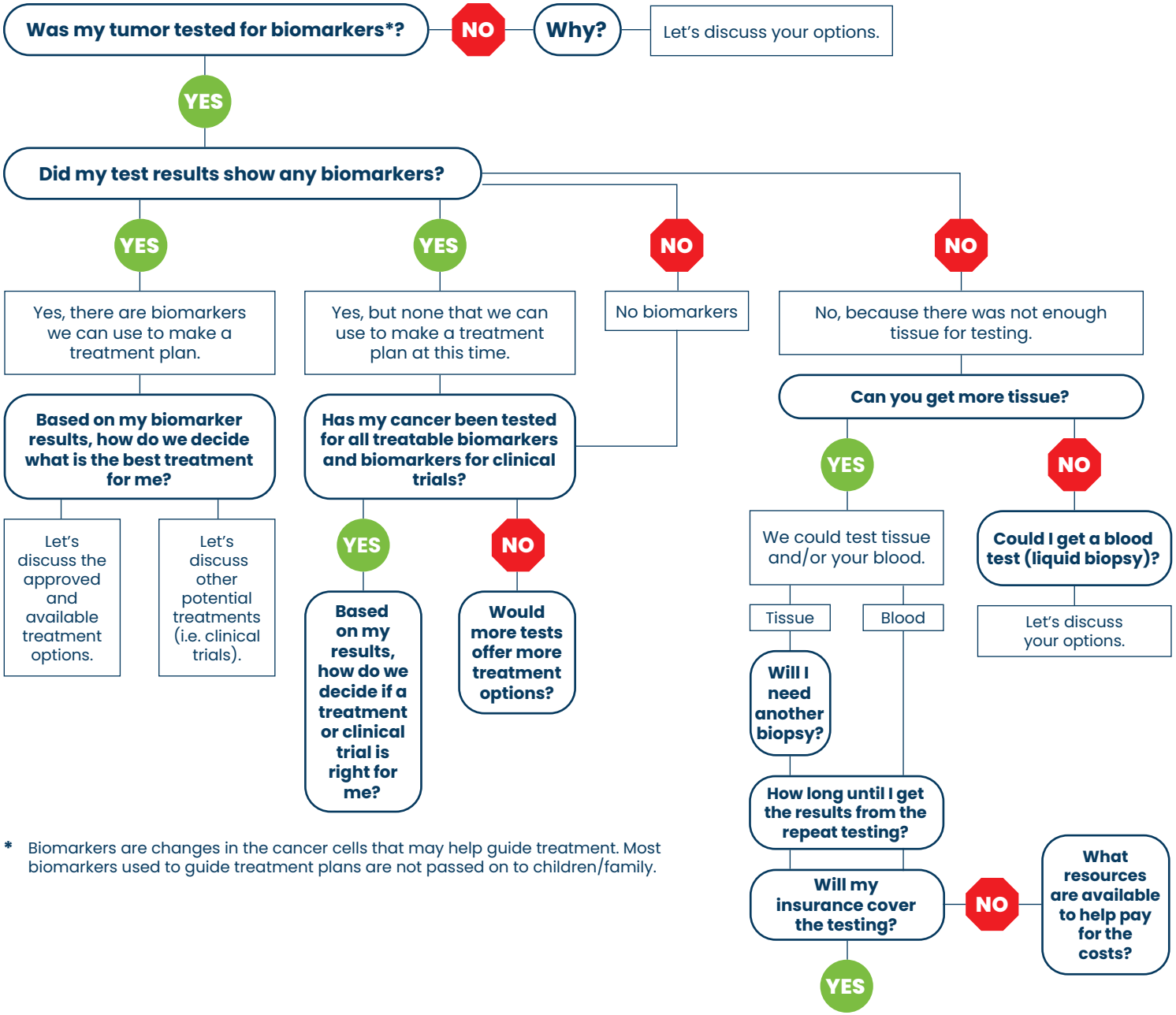
Understanding Your Cancer Can Lead to Better Treatment Options

This tool is designed for people with solid tumor cancer to use in communication about biomarker results with their healthcare providers.



* Biomarkers are changes in the cancer cells that may help guide treatment. Most biomarkers used to guide treatment plans are not passed on to children/family.

Suggested questions to ask your team:

1. Has the cancer been tested for all biomarkers?
2. When is a tissue biomarker test necessary?
3. When is a blood biomarker test (known as a liquid biopsy) necessary?
4. How can I get a copy of my biomarker testing report?
5. Who will explain my biomarker testing results to me?
6. Is cancer biomarker testing the same as genetic testing for inherited cancer? Are my family/children at risk?
7. Will I ever have to have more biomarker tests?

Trusting your care team and treatment plan is important. Seeking a second opinion may increase your trust in your care plan.

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