

Introducing TRIP Social Needs Assessment

The following is an example of a script you can use to introduce the TRIP Social Needs Assessment questions. While it can be helpful to use this script as an example when navigating conversations around social needs, we also encourage you to have this conversation in a way that feels comfortable for both you and your patient. This may mean getting the answers to these questions through conversation rather than asking each question and reading out the possible answers.

Often when a woman is receiving treatment for breast cancer, she needs assistance with other issues – like arranging for transportation, arranging care of another family member, or making sure that her housing situation is stable. I want to try to help make sure that you have the resources that you need to complete your treatment. I will ask you several questions to see if there are things that you may need some help with so that you can complete your treatment. This will help us select services that you want to help meet your needs. I want to remind you that your answers to these questions will be kept private.