

When Planning For Surgery

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Before having surgery, ask your physician these questions:

1. What operation are you recommending?
2. Why do I need the operation?
3. Are there alternatives to surgery?
4. What are the benefits of having the operation?
5. What are the risks of having the operation?
6. What will happen if I don't have this operation?
7. Where can I get a second opinion?
8. What has been your experience in doing the operation? How many have you performed?
9. Where will the operation be done?
10. What kind of anesthesia will I need?
11. How long will it take me to recover?
12. How much will the operation cost?