



## Questions to Ask Your Surgical Team

What type of surgery will I be having?

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How much tissue are you planning to remove?

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Is there a chance that you will need to remove more tissue than you expect?

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If so, what may need to be removed?

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Why?

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How many similar surgical procedures have you performed?

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What is your success rate?

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What is the risk of death or disability?

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If a disability, what type of disability will there be?

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Is the disability long-term?

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What if I decide not to have the surgery?

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How long does the surgery take?

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Will my family be updated about what is going on while I am in surgery?

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Once the surgery is over, where will I be recovering?

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What type of wires and tubes can I expect to be in place when I wake up?

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Will I look different after surgery?

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Will it be permanent?

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Will I be able to breath normally after surgery?

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If not, what can I expect?

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Will I be able to eat normally after surgery?

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If not, what can I expect?

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Will I be able to speak normally after surgery?

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If not, what can I do to communicate with hospital staff, family and friends?

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How will my pain be managed?

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How long after the surgery will you know if you have all of the cancer has been removed?

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What will happen if you are not Able to remove all of the cancer?

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How long does it take to return to normal activities?

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Will I need reconstructive surgery?

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Will the same surgeon or a different surgeon perform the reconstructive surgery?

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