

Questions to Ask Your Doctor about a Surgery

- What is the surgery you want to perform?
- Is your fee covered by my health insurance?
- Is the hospital or surgery center covered by my health insurance?
- Is the anesthesiologist's fee covered by my insurance?
- Do you have informational materials you can give me about this type of surgery?
- How many of these surgeries have you performed? What is your success rate?
- Would you mind if I talk to one or two of your other patients who had this surgery?
- What will the surgery do for me?
- What happens if the surgery is not successful?
- What are the risks to this type of surgery?
- Will the surgery be performed in the hospital or in a surgery center?
- What will my recovery be like? Please describe my after-care.
- Will I be in pain after the surgery?
- Will I need someone to help with my care after the surgery?

Ask yourself, do I feel comfortable with having this surgery or do I need a second opinion?