

For Patients and Visitors

Questions to Ask About Your Child's Surgery

You are an important part of your child's healthcare team, and you'll want as much information as possible to help your child. Here are some of the questions you may want to ask, along with space to write down the answers. Feel free to print out this page and take it with you to your child's appointment.

Are there any alternatives to surgery?

What results do you expect? What will the surgery accomplish?

What are the possible risks and complications?

How long will the surgery take?

What type of anesthesia will my son or daughter need?

How long will my child have to stay in the hospital?

Will my child have any pain, and what kind of medicine will you give her for it?

Will my child require a blood transfusion?

What will the incision look like and will I need to change dressings? Will there be scarring?

Will my child require antibiotics or other medications after surgery?

What postoperative care will he need?

When can my child resume normal activities?

Does insurance typically cover this type of surgery? Is there someone in your office who can help me with insurance issues?

Other questions:

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