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Receiving a breast cancer diagnosis can be very stressful. In addition to the general information provided on this site, you'll want to feel as prepared and empowered as possible to make informed decisions with your medical team.

This list of questions is an excellent starting point during your initial consultation with your breast surgeon. Ask these questions as you and your doctor discuss the best path to take as you prepare for your breast cancer journey to wellness.

- What are the risks of having breast surgery?
- Is breast conservation surgery (lumpectomy) an option for me?
- How big is my tumor?
- How much of my breast will be removed, if at all?
- What are the pros and cons of choosing a lumpectomy versus a mastectomy?
- Should I consider genetic testing?
- Do I still need surgery if I am recommended for radiation and/or chemotherapy?
- Does the timing of surgery impact when I would start other cancer treatments?
- Will you have to remove lymph nodes?
- Should I see a plastic surgeon and if so, when?

- If I choose breast reconstruction, can it be done at the same time?

- What will my incision look like?

- How can I best prepare for surgery?

- How will I be contacted about my pathology results and by who?

- How often will I see you for follow-ups?

Any additional questions?

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