

## Questions about surgery

### General Questions

1. What is the name of the surgical procedure?

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2. Why do I need surgery?

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3. How soon should surgery take place?

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4. What might happen if I delay or avoid the surgery?

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5. Will you explain the surgery in simple terms?

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6. How much of my lung(s) do you anticipate will need to be removed?

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7. What are the risks and benefits of this surgery? What results should I expect from the surgery?

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8. Are there any treatments I can have before surgery to shrink the tumor?

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9. Are there any nonsurgical options?

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10. Are there any less invasive surgery options?

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11. What is the next step if this surgery doesn't work?

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12. How much does the surgery cost? How can I find out?

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### About the Procedure

1. What should I do to prepare?

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2. How is the surgery done?

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3. How long will the surgery take?

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4. What kind of anesthesia will be used (general, local, or regional)?

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5. Will I have drains, catheters, or intravenous lines?

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6. Is there a possibility that I will need a blood transfusion, and if so, can I bank my own blood before surgery?

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7. How successful is this procedure?

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8. What are the risks associated with this surgery?

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9. How much experience do you have with this procedure?

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10. Has the procedure been done often in this hospital or surgery center?

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### About Post-Surgery

1. How long will I have to remain in the hospital?

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2. How will I feel after surgery?

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3. How much pain is there after this type of surgery? How is it treated?

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4. How long will it take for me to recuperate?

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### About What to Expect When You Get Home

1. What kind of care will I need at home? Are there any activity limitations?

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2. How soon can I eat a regular meal?

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3. How long will it be until I can resume normal activities?

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4. What symptoms should I watch for and report?

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5. Will I need other types of treatment after surgery?

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6. How long will it be until I can safely receive other necessary treatments?

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7. Are there alternatives to this treatment?

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### Reminder

1. Ask for other information about the surgery.
2. Ask about a second opinion.
3. Ask how much the surgery will cost and if there are ways to reduce the costs.
4. State any concerns you have about having the surgery.