

# Common Questions for Your Surgeon

Feel free to print and bring with you to your appointment. We have provided a few common questions, and left space for you to write in the answers.

**What am I having done, and why?**

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**What are the risks of this operation?**

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**How long will the surgery take?** \_\_\_\_\_

**What should family or friends do while I am having surgery?**

Family or friends should remain in the waiting area until your surgeon has finished surgery and speaks to them. If they are not available, your surgeon will not be able to wait for their return.

**Can friends or family call to inquire about my health care?**

Please designate ONE person as the contact for your medical information. A form will be provided for you to specify who that person is. Due to recent changes in federal legislation surrounding patient health information, we are restricted to whom we may disclose your health information. Therefore, we will ONLY release information to the person that you have indicated.

**Will I have a scar?**

Any time an incision is made, a scar will form. While the physician does his best to minimize scarring, much of the scar formation will depend on your skin's ability to heal and tendency to scar.

**When can I take a shower?** \_\_\_\_\_

**When can I drive?** \_\_\_\_\_

**How long will I be off of work?** \_\_\_\_\_

**Can I drive myself home or use public transportation after surgery?**

