

If you are having a lumpectomy.

Here are some questions to ask your surgeon as you plan for a lumpectomy:

- How many times have you performed lumpectomy?
- If I have a lumpectomy, what is the risk of the cancer coming back in my breast?
- What are the risks of lumpectomy?
- How quickly do I need surgery?
- Do I need to be tested for breast cancer genes?
- How should I prepare for surgery?
- How long will surgery take?
- How much tissue will be removed?
- How will you decide how wide the lumpectomy margins should be?
- Will you remove any underarm lymph nodes (axillary node dissection) along with the lump?
- Will I have anesthesia? If so, what kind?
- How will my breast look after lumpectomy?
- Will I need to stay in the hospital after surgery?
- How long will it take to recover? When can I return to my normal routine and activities?
- When can I go back to work?
- Are there any precautions I should take as I recover?
Will you give me written instructions to follow?
- Are there exercises I need to do after surgery?
- Will I need any lymph nodes removed if I have a lumpectomy? If so, will I be at risk for lymphedema (swollen arm) after surgery?
- How often do I have to come back to see you? How long will I need to be followed?
- How often will I need a mammogram?

