

Did your clinician recently recommend surgery?

Ask:

Why do I need surgery?

What kind of surgery do I need?

What will you be doing?

What are the benefits and risks of having this surgery?

Have you done this surgery before?

How successful is this surgery?

Which hospital is best for this surgery?

Will the surgery hurt?

Will I need anesthesia?

How long will the surgery take?

How long will it take me to recover?

How long will I be in the hospital?

What will happen after the surgery?

How much will the surgery cost?

Will my health insurance cover the surgery?

Is there some other way to treat my condition?

What will happen if I wait or don't have this surgery?

Where can I get a second opinion if I want?
