

Questions to Ask Your Surgeon

Many patients leave their surgeon's office still feeling like they have unanswered questions, or think of new questions only after they are home. Read these questions to be sure that you are prepared to ask as many of your questions as possible while you're at your surgeon's office. You may also print this page and bring it with you to your next appointment. Space is provided to add questions of your own and to write in your physician's answers.

1. Is bypass surgery needed in my case? Are there any other alternatives?

2. What is beating heart surgery? Do you perform beating heart coronary bypass?

3. What is a heart lung machine and what are the risks associated with it?

4. Am I at risk for stroke or neurological deficits during surgery?

5. Am I a candidate for beating heart bypass surgery? What are the risks and benefits?

6. Will a vein be used from my leg for my bypass operation? What are the usual conduits used?

7. How long will I be intubated after the surgery? What is the recovery process?

8. What are the other complications after bypass surgery?

9. Is bypass better or stenting better?

Use the space provided below to write additional questions of your own and to record your surgeon's answers.
