

Planning your upcoming surgery

In this extraordinary time, taking care of your health and emotional wellness is a top priority. To help your peace of mind as you plan for your upcoming surgery, here are some questions you may want to ask your care team.

Scheduling your procedure

1. Can I schedule surgery at this time?
2. Should I postpone my surgery until after COVID-19 infection rates have declined?
3. What possible health risks could I encounter if I delay my surgery?
4. How long am I likely to stay in the hospital after surgery? Does COVID-19 change that?
5. Are you offering virtual or telemedicine, for pre or post-surgery appointments?

Safety protocols

1. What safety precautions is the hospital taking to prevent the spread of COVID-19?
2. Will I be tested for COVID-19 before my procedure? If so, what happens if my test results come back positive for COVID-19?
3. If the hospital is treating COVID-19 patients, how will I be kept safe from exposure to the virus?
4. Will I need to wear a mask at all times while I'm in the hospital?

Caregiver accessibility

1. Can I bring a family member or friend with me to my surgery?
2. How will the surgeon let my family and/or friends know when my surgery is complete and how it went?
3. Can I have visitors during my hospital stay? If so, who can visit me?

Post-surgery care

1. How will I receive follow-up care after I return home?
2. What should I do if I experience pain or complications after I return home?
3. How can I reach my doctor at any time if I need to speak to her/him?

Notes

Useful contact information

My surgeon's daytime contact information

My surgeon's off-hours contact information

Hospital contact information

Important safety information

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