

Questions to Ask Your Breast Surgeon

First Opinion

Doctor's Name & Specialty _____

Doctor's Phone # _____

Today's Date _____

Second Opinion

Doctor's Name & Specialty _____

Doctor's Phone # _____

Today's Date _____

Diagnosis

What is my diagnosis?

1st Opinion:

2nd Opinion:

What do my test results show?

1st Opinion:

2nd Opinion:

Will I need any additional tests? (ex. Blood tests, x-rays, PET Scan, MRI)

1st Opinion:

2nd Opinion:

If yes, when can I expect the test results?
1 st Opinion:
2 nd Opinion:
What effect will these results have on my treatment options?
1 st Opinion:
2 nd Opinion:
How can I get copies of my records? (ex. Test results, pathology report, diagnosis)
1 st Opinion:
2 nd Opinion:
Do I need to be referred to other specialists?
1 st Opinion:
2 nd Opinion:
Who will be coordinating my care?
1 st Opinion:
2 nd Opinion:

Treatment

What are my treatment options and what are the pros and cons of each? (ex. Chemotherapy, radiation)?

1st Opinion:

2nd Opinion:

Surgical Treatment

What are my surgical options and what are the pros and cons of each?

1st Opinion:

2nd Opinion:

What type of anesthesia will I need for the surgery? (ex. general, localized, regional)

1st Opinion:

2nd Opinion:

How long will I be in the hospital? Will I need someone to help me return to my home from the hospital?

1st Opinion:

2nd Opinion:

How should I expect to feel after the operation? What restrictions will I have on my normal activities?

1st Opinion:

2nd Opinion:

Will I have a surgical drain in place when I go home? When will it be removed?

1st Opinion:

2nd Opinion:

Will I need any other treatments? If so, which ones and how long after surgery will I begin the other treatment?

1st Opinion:

2nd Opinion:

What should I expect if lymph nodes are removed? (ex. lymphedema)

1st Opinion:

2nd Opinion:

When will I have the **pathology (biopsy) report?**

1st Opinion:

2nd Opinion:

Who do I call if I have a question or problem post-surgery?

1st Opinion:

2nd Opinion:

When should I return for a post-op appointment?

1st Opinion:

2nd Opinion:

If a mastectomy is necessary, can breast reconstruction be done at the time of surgery? Will you refer me to a reconstructive surgeon before my surgery?

1st Opinion:

2nd Opinion: