

General Questions to Ask Your Doctor About Surgery

1. How long will it take me to recover from having a hysterectomy?
2. When will I be able to leave the hospital?
3. Will my ovaries or any reproductive organs other than my uterus be removed?
4. When I can resume my normal activities, including school, work, exercise, sexual activity, and recreation?

Questions to Ask Your Doctor About Hysterectomy Procedures

1. What type of hysterectomy will I have? Is it a total abdominal hysterectomy or a minimally invasive procedure?
2. Is any type of minimally invasive procedure appropriate for my situation?
3. Which organs will be removed during my procedure?
4. Exactly where, and how big, will the incisions be?
5. I'd like to make sure I am having the least-invasive procedure. Is that possible?
6. How many of these procedures have you performed in the last 12 months?

If you're not satisfied with the responses you receive, consider asking for a second opinion. You are an integral part of your healthcare team and you should feel comfortable with the selected treatment and surgeon.

Remember that while your primary care physician may not be familiar with the term "MIP," he or she should be familiar with the phrase "Minimally Invasive Procedure."