## Top 5 Questions to Ask Your Surgeon

What type of cancer do I have and how serious is it?

What are my surgical options, and why?

Am I a candidate for hidden scar nipple sparing mastectomy or hidden scar lumpectomy? Are you a Hidden Scar Certified Surgeon?

Is the cancer recurrence rate the same with skin sparing or nipple sparing mastectomy compared to a simple mastectomy?

After reconstruction, will both of my breasts look the same?

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## Additional Appointment Questions by Topic

×	Questions about your cancer What type of cancer do I have? How big is it? Has it spread?	Notes
~	Questions about pre-operative treatment Do I need a 2nd opinion? What kind of treatment do I need? Should I have a breast MRI? Is my cancer genetic? Do I need to be tested for breast cancer genes? How quickly do I need surgery?	
	Questions about lumpectomy If I have a lumpectomy, can the cancer come back in my breast? Is lumpectomy as good as mastectomy? Am I a candidate for a hidden scar lumpectomy? Will I need lymph node surgery if I have a lumpectomy? Will I get a big swollen arm if you take out my lymph nodes?	
<b>\</b>	Questions about mastectomy Are there different kinds of mastectomies? Can you save my nipple? Am I a candidate for skin-sparing or nipple-sparing mastectomy? Am I a candidate for hidden scar nipple-sparing mastectomy? Are you a Hidden Scar Certified Surgeon? Can the cancer come back after mastectomy?	
~	Questions about post-operative treatment Is surgery all I need, or do I need radiation or chemotherapy? I've heard sometimes I need a 2nd operation. What's that all about? Will I need plastic surgery? Can I have reconstruction? Who does the reconstruction? What are the different types of reconstructions? After the reconstruction, will both of my breasts look the same?	
	Questions about life after surgery How long will I be in the hospital? What do I do with my other breast? Is my other breast at risk of cancer? When can I go back to work? How often do I have to come back and be followed? Will I still need mammography every year?	

When people look at me will they know I've had a mastectomy?

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