



Questions to Ask Your Child's Team

We believe the best way to relieve anxiety about a surgery is to learn all you can about the procedure. Some parents find it useful to prepare a list of questions. You may want to consider asking some of the questions listed below. We encourage you to print this page and bring it with you to your next appointment.

- Why does my child need this operation?

- What are the benefits of having this operation?

- What are the risks?

- What happens if my child doesn't have surgery? Are there alternatives?

- Will he/she need more surgeries?

- Could you describe the operation to me?

- Should I give my child prescribed medication prior to surgery?

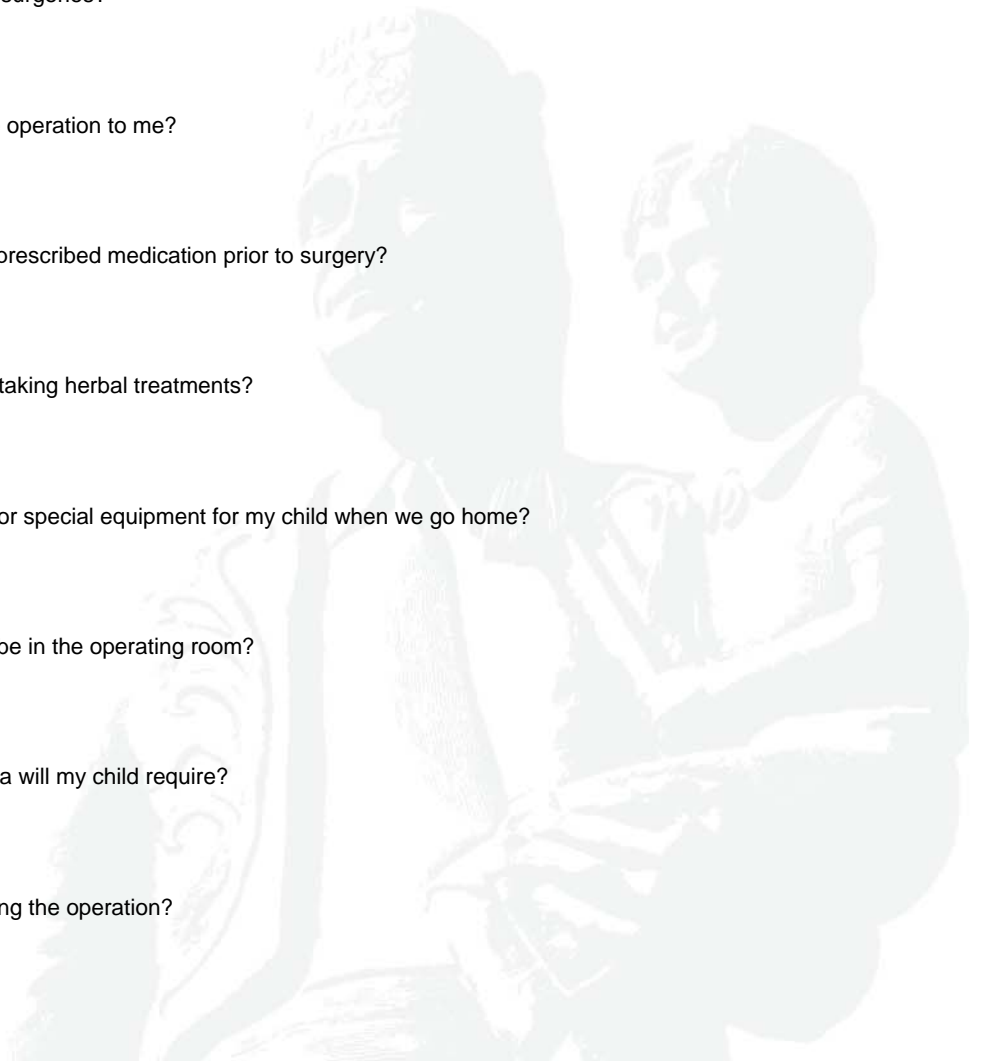
- Can my child continue taking herbal treatments?

- Will I need to arrange for special equipment for my child when we go home?

- How long will my child be in the operating room?

- What type of anesthesia will my child require?

- Where should I go during the operation?



- Will I be updated on my child's condition during the surgery?

- How long will my child be in the recovery room?

- How soon can I see my child after surgery?

- What should I expect(i.e. swelling, monitors, cast, etc.) after surgery?

- How much pain will my child be in?

- How do you manage the pain?

- When will we be able to go home?

- Who will be caring for my child (i.e. physical therapists, child life specialists, prosthetists etc) during our stay?

- Can we leave the hospital at any point for dinner, errands, etc?

- What activities are available in the hospital?

- Is there a teacher on staff to help my child with homework?

- If we have complications after we go home, whom should I call?

- When can my child start regular exercise and return to school?