



Preparation for Surgery Checklist

If your doctor recommends surgery, it is important to ask the surgeon the following questions:

1. How many times have you done this?
2. Do you know the anesthesiologist?
3. Whom would you go to?
4. Can it be done with a less invasive procedure?
5. What's on the horizon?

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