

# Questions to Ask Before or While in the Hospital

Your care team is there to help you and answer your questions — they expect you to ask, wonder, and possibly worry. Use the following questions to help spark conversations with your surgeon and care team.



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## THE PROCEDURE

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- How long is the procedure?
- Will I have temporary drains? If so, how long?
- How long will you continue to be involved in my care after surgery?

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## PAIN MANAGEMENT

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- How will my pain be taken care of during the surgery?
- How will my pain be managed in the hospital after my surgery?
- How will my pain be managed after I am released?

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## THE DAYS AFTER YOUR SURGERY

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- When can I get up and move around?
- When will the stitches be removed?
- When should I expect to start physical therapy?
- Where will I go when I leave the hospital?

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## PROSTHETICS

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- Will I be able to use a prosthesis?
- When can I start being fit with a prosthesis?

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## EMOTIONAL SUPPORT

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- Can you connect me with a peer mentor or someone who experienced a similar amputation?
- Are there any support groups available?



For more resources on adjusting to life with limb loss, scan the code or visit [HangerClinic.com/LimbLoss](https://HangerClinic.com/LimbLoss).

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