

Questions to ask your Breast Surgeon

- What are the positives and negatives of having a preventive mastectomy?

- What type of mastectomy will be recommended for me and my situation?

- What does the surgery involve?

- What is the difference between removing the nipple and conserving it?

Questions to ask your Breast Surgeon

- Where will the scars be and what will they look like?

- What kind of complications can arise with this type of surgery?

- If I choose to have a reconstruction can this be delayed or would you recommend immediate reconstruction?

- Are the results of immediate versus delayed reconstruction any different?

Questions to ask your Breast Surgeon

- What would be the reasons for not being able to have an immediate reconstruction?

- Without reconstruction will my recovery time be longer or shorter?

- Lymph nodes are often taken out in Breast Cancer surgery, do you removed lymph nodes and how do you go about this? Will you perform a sentinel node biopsy?

- Will you test the breast tissue you remove for cancerous cells?

Questions to ask your Breast Surgeon

- How many mastectomies have you performed?

- Do you have any photos to show me of any mastectomies?

- After I have had preventive surgery, what will the risk of breast cancer be?

- Once I have had my mastectomy and reconstruction, do I still need to have screening (i.e. MRI's/Ultrasounds)? If so, how often?

Questions to ask your Breast Surgeon

How long will the operation take?

What is the recovery time?

If I have children how long until I can pick them up?

How long should I take off work? When can I return to normal – driving, gym etc.?
