

# QUESTIONS TO ASK BEFORE YOUR NF SURGERY



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## TREATMENT OPTIONS:

- What surgical and non-surgical options are available for my current diagnosis?
- What are the benefits and risks for all available surgical and non-surgical options?
- What is the success rate for each of these options?
- What will happen if I refuse all of these options?
- Are there any additional treatment options available outside of BC or Canada that I could pursue?

## PROCEDURE:

- How many of these operations have you performed on patients with NF?
- What have been the outcomes of these surgeries on your patients with NF?
- What will happen during this surgical procedure and how long will the procedure take?
- How do you define the success of this surgery?
- What is the recurrence rate for my diagnosis following the procedure?
- Does this surgery require a hospital stay? If so, for how long?

## POST-SURGERY:

- Are there any short term or long term, minor or major complications that can happen during or after the surgery?
- What will happen if these complications occur? How long lasting are the effects of the potential complications?
- Which complications should I report? Who do I call?
- How will pain after surgery be managed?
- Will this surgery affect the activities of my daily life? If so, for how long?
- When are the follow-up visits scheduled and with whom?

## ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS & NOTES:

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