



If you are considering surgery for epilepsy, these questions may help. Use them to guide discussions and make the most of your time with your specialists.

Questions for you to ask the neurologist and the neurosurgeon

- 1 Is surgery worth considering?
- 2 What is the aim of epilepsy surgery?
- 3 What tests are needed to determine if surgery is an option for me?
- 4 How should I prepare for these tests?
- 5 How is the decision made about surgery?
- 6 Who is involved in making this decision?
- 7 Can I decide against surgery after the decision is made?
- 8 How long will it be before I am admitted to hospital for surgery?
- 9 How long will the operation take?
- 10 How much of my hair will be shaved?
- 11 What are the risks of surgery?
- 12 What are the chances of the surgery not working?
- 13 What are some of the common after-effects of surgery?
- 14 How long will I stay in hospital after the surgery?
- 15 Is any rehabilitation required after surgery?
- 16 How long will it take me to recover from the surgery?
- 17 Is there someone I can talk to who has had the surgery?
- 18 When are follow-up appointments necessary?
- 19 What should I do to help me recover from the effects of surgery?
- 20 What should I do after leaving hospital?
- 21 Will my medication doses stay the same?
- 22 Will I eventually stop taking my medications if the surgery is successful?
- 23 How long after surgery can I return to work/school, play sport and drive?

This information is given to provide accurate, general information about epilepsy. Medical information and knowledge changes rapidly and you should consult your doctor for more detailed information. This is not medical advice and you should not make any medication or treatment changes without consulting your doctor.