

KEY QUESTIONS

to ask your doctor

Here's a list of questions you might like to ask during your next visit.

1 Am I a candidate for breast-conserving surgery (lumpectomy)?

2 Is there a difference in the risk of a recurrence if I have a lumpectomy or a mastectomy?

3 Who can I talk to about having breast reconstruction?

4 What will happen right after surgery?

5 How long will I be in the hospital?

6 When do you think I'll be able to get back to my normal activities?

7 What is my risk of arm swelling from lymphadenectomy?

8 What type of complementary therapy do I need?

9 If I receive chemotherapy, how can I avoid side effects like nausea and fatigue?

10 Do you recommend that I talk to a genetic counselor?

11 Can you recommend support groups with women who have had the same treatment that I will be having?
