



Ascension

Breast surgery consultation

Preparing for your visit

It's important to fully understand your surgery options before deciding on the best treatment plan for you. At Ascension Wisconsin, we want to make sure you have all the information you need. Ask us your questions—big and small. **We encourage you to print these questions and bring them to your consultation.**

General questions:

1. What type of cancer do I have, what is the size and has it spread?
2. What are my surgical options, and why?
3. Am I a candidate for Hidden Scar™ nipple sparing mastectomy or Hidden Scar lumpectomy?
4. Is the cancer recurrence rate the same with skin sparing or nipple sparing mastectomy compared to a simple mastectomy?
5. After reconstruction will both of my breasts look the same?
6. What will my scars look like?

Questions about treatment:

1. Do I need a second opinion?
2. What kind of treatment do I need?
3. Should I have a breast MRI?
4. Is my cancer genetic?
5. Do I need to be tested for breast cancer genes?
6. How quickly do I need surgery?

Questions about lumpectomy:

1. If I have a lumpectomy, can the cancer come back in my breast?
2. Is lumpectomy as effective as mastectomy?
3. Am I a candidate for a Hidden Scar lumpectomy?
4. Will I need lymph node surgery if I have a lumpectomy?
5. Will I get a swollen arm if you take out my lymph nodes?
6. Will I need radiation after a lumpectomy?

Questions about mastectomy:

1. Are there different kinds of mastectomies?
2. Can you save my nipple?
3. Am I a candidate for skin-sparing or nipple-sparing mastectomy?
4. Am I a candidate for Hidden Scar™ nipple-sparing mastectomy?
5. Are you trained in Hidden Scar techniques?
6. Can the cancer come back after mastectomy?
7. Will I need radiation after a mastectomy?

Questions about after-surgery care:

1. Will I need radiation, chemotherapy or an anti-hormone pill after surgery?
2. Will I ever need to have surgery again?
3. Will I need plastic surgery?
4. Can I have reconstruction?
5. Who does the reconstruction?
6. What are the different types of reconstructions?