

# Immediately After Surgery

## TIP

Consider arranging for a friend or loved one to stay with you on your first night after surgery. They can offer assistance with any challenges you may face, as well as provide extra support with household tasks.



- Do you think you removed all of the cancer?
  - Did you have to repair the wound (with a skin graft or flap)? What do I need to know about that?
  - (If applicable) Will the plastic surgery that was performed be successful?
  - How do I reduce scarring?
  - What medications can I take for pain?
  - What kind of stitches do I have? Do you need to take them out?
  - What kind of symptoms do I need to look for if my surgical site is not healing properly?
  - What kind of activity limitations will I have? For how long?
  - Are any additional pathology tests being conducted? If so, when will we have those results?
  - Will I have to come back at a later time for a follow-up?
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