



QUESTIONS FOR SURGEON

- How many times have you performed a parotidectomy?
- How often do you perform this surgery?
- Do you have experience handling both benign and malignant tumors?
- What diagnostic tests are needed to diagnose my tumor/develop treatment plan?
- What type of parotid tumor do I have? Is it benign or malignant?
- What size is my tumor? Is that small or large?
- What type of parotidectomy do I need? Superficial? Total? Can you explain this?
- Do you use a facial nerve monitor?
- What type of incision will I have-size and length? Why is that the best option for me?
- How much of my gland will need to be removed?
- Will I need reconstruction? Which method will work best for me?
- If I need reconstruction, will you be able to perform that part of the surgery?
- Will you try to spare the posterior branch of the great auricular nerve?
- Will I regain feeling in my ear after surgery?
- What is the estimated time for surgery? What factors affect this estimate?
- How will you close the incision?
- What are the potential risks and complications from this surgery?
- What are the chances that I will have permanent facial paralysis?
- What are the chances that I will have temporary facial weakness?
- Does this medical facility have frozen section pathology?
- If you believe my tumor is benign, what is the plan if it turns out to be malignant?
- Will I have a drain after surgery?
- What are the normal side effects of this surgery?
- What are the potential complications that may require medical attention?



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- What should I do if I have one of these complications?
- How long will it take for me to recover from surgery i.e., feel normal again?
- Do I need scans after surgery? Why or why not?
- Do I need to have regular follow up appointments after surgery?
- What are the chances that my tumor will recur?

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