

# GETTING IMPLANTS

## What Questions Should You Ask Your Doctor or Surgeon about IMPLANTS ?

The following list of questions may help you to remind you of topics to discuss with your surgeon. You may not ask all of them or have additional questions as well.  
This is a general questionnaire, if available use specific ones!

- Why is an implant useful for me ?
- What alternate therapies are available if I choose not to have implants ?
- What are the risks and complications associated with having implants ?
- How is the surgery performed? (anaesthesia, time, preparation)
- What can I expect for follow-up treatment ?
- How long will I probably not be able to work ?
- How should I behave later with this implant ?
- How many additional surgeries around this implant can I expect over my lifetime ?
- What is the implant made of and how is it fixed ?
- What scars will stay after surgery in a long run ?
- Will my daily life be affected ?
- Do other people notice that I got implants ?
- Are there contraindications, as far as I'm concerned ?
- What proportion of the implants placed are still functioning after 10 years?
- Do you have photos I can look at (for each option) ?
- What will happen, if the implants cause problems ?
- What would happen if the implants have to be removed without replacement ?
- What do I have to sign with a written consent ?
  
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