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Qualified medical professionals welcome and encourage questions about surgical procedures. In fact, studies show that well informed patients heal faster and report a better overall surgical experience. Here are some questions you may want to ask your anesthesiologist about what to expect before, during and after surgery. Be sure that all of your questions are answered clearly and completely.

- What are your qualifications? How many procedures like this have you done?
- Who else might be involved with my anesthesia care?
- Will I meet with an anesthesiologist before surgery?
- Do you monitor my heart and breathing? What else?
- Do you have a 24-hour recovery room? If not, where will I recover?
- What are the qualifications of the personnel in the recovery room, and is an anesthesiologist on call to respond to the recovery room?
- Who will manage my pain control needs after surgery?

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