

Questions to Ask Your Doctor About Surgery

1. Is MIP an option for my appendectomy?
2. What are the benefits of MIP for appendectomy?
3. What are the risks of MIP for appendectomy?
4. How many appendectomy surgeries have you performed using MIP?
5. Does this seem like a routine appendectomy? Is there any reason to be concerned about particular complications that may arise during the surgery?
6. How often do you have to convert from an MIP appendectomy to a conventional appendectomy during surgery?
7. Do my symptoms indicate that there's a chance you may need to convert to a conventional appendectomy?
8. How long will it take for me to recover from having my appendix removed?
9. When will I be able to leave the hospital?
10. When I can resume my normal activities, including school, work, exercise, sexual activity, and recreation?

If you're not satisfied with the responses you receive, consider asking for a second opinion. You are an integral part of your healthcare team and you should feel comfortable with the selected treatment and surgeon.

Remember that while your primary care physician may not be familiar with the term "MIP," he or she should be familiar with the phrase "Minimally Invasive Procedure."