



- I HAVE HAD** a detailed discussion with my doctor on why a procedure is needed, the risks and benefits, and the alternatives.
- I HAVE RESEARCHED** my doctor's credentials with the medical board and other Internet sites to confirm licensure, specialty and discipline history.
- I KNOW** who will be performing my procedure, their experience and training level, and how many times they have successfully performed this procedure.
- I HAVE LEARNED** the potential complications of the procedure, and how commonly they occur. **I HAVE ASKED** what to expect during recovery.
- I HAVE ASKED** how effective the procedure is at accomplishing its intended goal.
- I HAVE REQUESTED** that my procedure be scheduled for a day that does not immediately follow a night when my doctor is on call.
- I HAVE ASKED** if I have any pre-surgical responsibilities (such as taking antibiotics, washing with special soap or stopping any medications).
- I HAVE GIVEN MY CONSENT ONLY AFTER** all my questions have been answered by the person who will be performing the procedure.
- I HAVE ASKED** if my doctor is delegating any part of my surgery to an assistant. I know if any students or trainees will be operating on me.
- I HAVE INFORMED** my surgeon that I routinely request copies of my Operative Report and I have asked if my surgeon will be listed as the "Responsible Surgeon."