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*"The safety of the people
is the highest law"*

-CICERO


Do You Really Need Any Surgery ?

If your doctor tells you that you need surgery, here is a list of questions that you need to ask - and the answers you need to hear:

- 1. Do I really need surgery ?* For everything except cosmetic surgery, the general advice is that if do not really, really need it, then don't do it.
- 2. Who would you ask to do the surgery on one of your family members if you couldn't ?* Here you are trying to find out a good source for a second opinion.
- 3. How often do you do this kind of procedure ?* You want to hear "every week" (if you hear a few times a year, then find another doctor.)
- 4. Is there someone in your partnership or in our town that does the procedure more ?* Here you a looking for a second opinion. If the doctor is defensive to your question, then that is a red flag.
- 5. What are the most common problems that happen with this surgery ?* How often do they happen even when everyone is careful ?

I hope this information helps your family and you.

Respectfully,


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