

QUESTIONS CAREGIVERS SHOULD ASK THE TRANSPLANT CENTER/HOSPITAL



General Questions

1. Who can I contact if I have questions or need help?
 2. What's the best way to get updates about my loved one during this process?
 3. Can someone explain medical stuff in a way I'll understand?
 4. Are there caregiver support services or people I can talk to?
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Before the Transplant

5. What do we need to do to get ready for the transplant?
 6. How long will we likely wait for the organ?
 7. What should I pack or plan for if we need to stay near the hospital?
 8. Can you walk me through what the surgery day will be like?
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Finances & Work

9. Will insurance cover everything—including medications, follow-up visits, and the surgery?
 10. Who can I talk to about financial assistance or payment plans?
 11. How much time should I plan to take off work?
 12. Will my loved one be able to go back to work or school later on?
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During the Transplant

13. How long will the surgery take?
14. Can I stay at the hospital or nearby?

15. Will someone check in with me during the surgery?

After the Transplant

- 16. What will recovery at home look like?
 - 17. Will they need help walking, bathing, or eating at first?
 - 18. How do I know if something's wrong or if it's an emergency?
 - 19. How often do we need to come back for hospital visits or checkups?
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Mental & Emotional Health

- 20. What emotional or behavior changes should I watch for?
 - 21. Is it normal for them—or me—to feel stressed or overwhelmed?
 - 22. Are there support groups for families or caregivers like me?
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Medications and Ongoing Care

- 23. What medications will they need—and for how long?
- 24. How can I help them keep up with their meds every day?
- 25. Are there side effects or reactions I should look out for?