



## **Questions to Ask Your Doctor About Breast Reconstruction**

1. What are my reconstruction options? What type do you suggest?
2. When should I have reconstruction - now or later? Why?
3. What are the short and long-term effects of the different types of reconstruction?
4. What are the risks or side effects?
5. How many surgeries will I need?
6. How long is each surgery? How long will I be in the hospital?
7. How long will it take for me to heal?
8. How will my reconstructed breast look and feel? How will it compare with my other breast? Will I need surgery on the other breast?
9. Are you a board certified plastic surgeon? May I see pictures of reconstructive surgeries that you have done?
10. If my breast cancer came back, how would I know? What should I look for?
11. After reconstruction, will I need a yearly mammogram?
12. If I choose not to have reconstruction, what are my options? Can I use a breast prosthesis? Where can I buy them? Will insurance pay for them?