

## Surgery Checklist

- Bring your health advocate to every appointment and write down or record everything
- Why do I need this surgery, what happens if I don't have it?
- Are there newer, less invasive procedures that will accomplish the same thing?
- Will the benefits of the procedure be permanent?
- Where is the best place in the country to have this done?
- How many of these procedures does this hospital do each year?
- How many times have you performed this procedure and what have your results been?
- How long will I be in the hospital?
- What are the most common complications?
- How do I prepare for this surgery?
- Will it be painful? What painkillers will I be given during and after surgery?
- How long will it take before I can resume my normal life, i.e. driving, working, physical activity?
- What portion of the procedure will my insurance plan cover?
- Who should I call after surgery if I have questions or experience something unexpected? Get the number.



*When you don't know where to turn, turn to us – [www.trantolo.net](http://www.trantolo.net)*

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