



Planning for Patient Blood Management When You're Scheduled for Surgery

Each type of surgery and every patient are unique. Your surgeon will explain the risks and help you to evaluate your case. The following questions may be helpful when talking with your surgeon before surgery.

Questions to Ask Your Surgeon

1. What is my hemoglobin level?

2. If I am found to be anemic, how will you help or how can I increase my hemoglobin level before surgery?

3. Are there medications or supplements that I should stop taking before surgery?

4. What are the chances that I will need a blood transfusion during surgery?

5. What are the risks involved with blood transfusions?

6. What are the risks involved if I decline a blood transfusion?

7. What steps should my primary care doctor take to minimize or eliminate my need for blood transfusions during surgery?
