

# SURGICAL QUESTIONS

## For Your Neurologist

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Hope for HH has created a list of questions to help guide your conversation with your medical provider. These conversations can feel overwhelming and confusing. To maximize the time with your provider, we recommend you identify which questions best apply to your situation and use them as a starting point for the discussion. Being prepared can lessen the fear and improve collaboration.

- 1 Why is surgery necessary?
- 2 What are the potential complications and risks, both short term and long term?
- 3 Will our case be presented to a group of multiple specialties to discuss the best steps forward?
- 4 What is the next step if this proposed surgery doesn't control the seizures?
- 5 What is the risk of doing nothing at this point in time?
- 6 What kind of pre-surgery evaluations will be required?
- 7 Do you have a Patient Liaison to help with pre-surgery appointments?
- 8 What will be the follow-up care (MRI, endocrine, neurology, neuropsychology)?
- 9 Where will follow up care be done (surgical center or closer to home)?
- 10 Are there any options besides surgery, like Ketogenic Diet or CBD?