

# SURGICAL QUESTIONS

## For Your Neurosurgeon

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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 How many HH surgeries have you performed and what ages?
- 2 Please explain the procedure. (Will you remove or just disconnect the HH. How long will the surgery take?)
- 3 What do you consider a successful outcome? Seizure-free or something else? Will a second procedure be required?
- 4 What have your short term (6mos – 1yr) and long term (1yr or greater) outcomes been?
- 5 How effective is this procedure at eliminating gelastic and/or other seizure types?
- 6 How effective is this procedure at eliminating rage behaviors?
- 7 Have your previous patients reported memory loss, fluid/salt problems, weight gain or other complications?
- 8 What is the expected recovery time?
- 9 Tell me about your team members and their experience with HH patients including nurses and ICU doctors.
- 10 Are there alternative procedures and treatments? Are they available here?