

# LASER ABLATION QUESTIONS

## For Your Neurosurgeon

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 laser surgeries have you performed for HH specifically?
- 2 What do you look for when you recommend the laser surgery for HH? HH size? HH attachment?
- 3 What is heat sink? How does thermal dynamics play a role in this surgery?
- 4 Will a second surgery be necessary?
- 5 What are the risks to memory, endocrine system and other possible complications?
- 6 What are the steps: pre-op (tests, appointments, steroids), surgery (how long, who will be doing the surgery, intra-op MRI) and post-op (common complications, medications, seizures)?
- 7 What should we look for post-op? What might indicate an emergency visit?
- 8 What is the expected recovery time? What should we look for post-op? What might indicate an emergency visit?
- 9 What does the follow up process include and for how long?
- 10 Are there alternative procedures and treatments? Are they available here?