Questions to Ask Your Plastic Surgeon

What are all my options for breast reconstruction?
What are the possible risks and complications for each type of breast implant surgery, and how common are they?
What if my cancer recurs or occurs in the other breast?
Will reconstruction interfere with my cancer treatment?
How many steps are there in each procedure, and what are they?
How long will it take to complete my reconstruction?
How much experience do you have with each procedure?
Do you have before-and-after photos I can look at for each procedure? What results are reasonable for me?
What will my scars look like?
What kind of changes in my implanted breast can I expect over time?
What kind of changes in my implanted breast can I expect with pregnancy?
What are my options if I’m dissatisfied with the cosmetic outcome of my implanted breast?
Can I talk with other patients about their experience?
For staged reconstruction, what is the estimated total cost of each procedure?
How much will my health insurance carrier cover, especially any complication that may require surgery?
How much pain or discomfort will I feel, and for how long?
How long will I be in the hospital?
Will I need blood transfusions, and can I donate my own blood?
When will I be able to resume my normal activities (sexual activity or athletic activity)?
Who is the manufacturer of my breast implant?
Does the manufacturer have a product warranty?