



# Questions to Ask

## Acoustic Neuroma Surgeons

If you have decided to have your acoustic neuroma surgically removed, you may wish to ask some of the following questions of your surgeons. Be sure that you are comfortable with the responses:

How many acoustic neuromas have you evaluated or managed this year and what specific training in acoustic neuromas have you had?

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How are most small and medium-sized tumors treated at your center? In the last year, approximately how many acoustic neuromas were treated with surgery and how many with radiation?

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What surgical approach do you recommend for my tumor size, location, age, health and level of hearing and why?

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For a tumor the size and shape of mine, what have been your results with respect to facial nerve function, both temporary and permanent?

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What is the likelihood that my remaining hearing will be preserved after this surgery? (This question mainly applies if you have a smaller tumor (<2cm) and useful hearing before surgery)

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Do you anticipate total tumor removal with a single operation? If not, what are my follow-up options?

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What has been your rate of surgical complications with respect to stroke, infection, bleeding, and cerebral spinal fluid (CSF) leak?

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When and how often should I schedule follow-up MRIs after treatment?

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Does your hospital have a neurological intensive care unit?

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About how many days will I be in the hospital?

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What follow-up care will I need?

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