



# The Society of Thoracic Surgeons

## Questions to Ask Your Doctor about Pleural Disease

1. What type of pleural disease do I have?
2. Will my condition ever get better without treatment? Can it get worse?
3. What are my treatment options?
4. Will I need surgery?
5. What are the potential side effects of this treatment?
6. How often do you do the procedure that you've recommended for me?
7. What is the success rate for that specific procedure?
8. Will this treatment cure my disease or only manage my symptoms?
9. When should I seek medical attention if I am experiencing symptoms following surgery?
10. Will I have any restrictions after treatment? (activity, driving, etc)
11. Will I have to be out of work? If so, for how long?
12. Will I have to change my diet and/or lifestyle after treatment?
13. Will I have to take any long-term medications?
14. How likely is it that I will need additional treatment later?
15. If I want a second opinion, how would I get one?