Questions to Ask the Doctor
Ventricular Septal Defect Surgery

• What type of VSD surgery will my child have? Why is this type being done instead of another?
• How often do you perform the procedure that you've recommended for my child?
• What is the success rate for this specific procedure?
• Are there any other treatment options we can consider?
• What type of anesthesia will my child be given?
• What complications should I expect, and what signs should I watch for?
• What will my child’s scar look like?
• How long will my child be in the hospital?
• What activities will my child be able to do upon returning home?
• When can my child return to school?
• Will I need to care for my child differently after treatment? Will he/she require special attention?
• Who should I call if my child experiences any problems after returning home?
• What will my child’s follow-up care be like?
• Will my child have to take any long-term medications?
• How likely is it that my child will need additional treatment later?
• What can my child expect over the long run—in a year or 5 years after the surgery?