

# Elective Surgery Checklist

## *the Right Surgeon for Your Elective Procedure*



### *1. Your Health Insurance Coverage*

Make a short list from approved providers so you don't get slapped with a humongous bill afterwards.

If you will be paying for your procedure as is common with cosmetic procedures, this pointer does not apply to you.



### *2. Get Recommendations*

This is by far the best way to pick a surgeon for your next elective procedure.



### *3. Medical Board Information*

Check you state's medical board website looking for reprimands, negligent and license suspension. Here is one place where no news is good news.



### *4. Online Reviews*

You are who Google says you are. Same goes for your surgeon.



### *5. The Surgeon's Staff*

If the clinic staff is anything but nice when you are not yet a patient, you can be sure that they would be less hospitable when you pester them with questions or requests for follow up visits after your surgery.



### *6. Surgical Skills*

Surgery calls in skills. The more of a particular procedure a surgeon does, the better they are at it.

Shortcut for accessing skills? Ask how many cases like yours have been encountered and operated on.



### *7. Bedside Manner*

If you are spending your hard-earned cash and helping the doctor meet his mortgage payments, you should be treated with some respect.



### *8. Your Intuition*

Dismiss your intuition at your peril. Time is one luxury you have with an elective procedure; take the time to get the right surgeon for you.