Questions about ovarian cancer surgery

You need to know what is going to happen, before, during and after the surgery. Remember you are your own best advocate. Don't feel like you are "taking up time" or asking "stupid questions".

Questions to ask BEFORE your surgery:

- ☐ What will the operation involve?
- ☐ What are the risks of this kind of surgery?
- ☐ What will be done to keep the risks at a minimum?
- ☐ What kind of scar can I expect?
- ☐ What can I expect to feel like after surgery?
- ☐ How long will I need to stay in the hospital after surgery?
- ☐ What kind of medication will I have for pain?
- ☐ If someone is waiting for me to come out of surgery, where do they wait and how are they notified?
- ☐ How soon after surgery can they be with me?

Questions to ask AFTER your surgery:

- ☐ Where has the cancer been found?
- ☐ What organs have been removed?
- ☐ How will this affect me?
- ☐ When can you tell me about the grade and stage of cancer?
- ☐ What do you recommend for further treatment?
- ☐ What changes in my body can I expect in the weeks after surgery?
- ☐ When will I be able to carry on with normal activities after surgery, such as driving the car, going to work, lifting heavy objects, caring for children, and so on?
- ☐ What possible complications from surgery should I be aware of once I get home?

My notes: