

Important Information Before Scheduling Your Surgery

Please be sure to make arrangements so that on the day of your discharge from surgery you have someone available to drive you home and accompany you into your home until you are settled. If you must use a taxi service, you still must have someone to accompany you home, the driver cannot be your escort. You will not be discharged from the facility without these proper arrangements.

Before we are able to schedule your surgery, there is some important information you will need to know:

1. Please provide us with the time frame and any conflicts regarding choosing your surgery date so we can try to accommodate your availability when scheduling a date for you.
2. Pre-admission testing is a part of the scheduling process. Please take into account that we will schedule that appointment one to two weeks prior to your O.R. date.
3. If you are having a colonoscopy/upper endoscopy, some minor lab work may be required at the request of your surgeon. We will make you aware of what is needed. It is also possible a specific diet/preparation will be required before a procedure. This will be given to you in writing and explained in detail.
4. A letter of medical clearance from your primary care physician/cardiologist is sometimes requested prior to your surgery. We will make you aware of this if needed. You will be asked to call your doctor to schedule an appointment if this is required for clearance. We will follow-up on this letter as your surgery gets closer.
5. Remember, eating or drinking prior to your surgery could cause serious complications under anesthesia. DO NOT eat or drink anything after midnight, unless given specific instructions by an anesthesiologist. If in doubt, call the Department of Anesthesiology at 609-497-4000 ext. 6255.
6. Important insurance information will be given to you. Be sure to read!
7. State regulations mandate a history and physical (H&P) documentation within thirty (30) days of your surgery. If your visit is more than thirty (30) days prior to your surgery, you will be required to return to the office for an updated H&P.
8. You may contact the Scheduling Department at any time prior to your surgery for questions or concerns at 609-921-7223, ext. 236 or 250.

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