

## **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 your surgery date because once you are given your surgery date, it cannot be changed unless there is a family or medical emergency.
2. Pre-admission testing is part of the process of scheduling. Please take into account that we will schedule that appointment one or two weeks prior to your surgical 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. It is your responsibility to coordinate this with your doctor. We will follow up on this letter as your surgery date 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 Anesthesia at 609-853-7540.
6. Important insurance information will be given to you. Be sure to read all of it.
7. You may contact the Surgery Scheduling Department at any time prior to your surgery for questions or concerns at 609-936-9100, ext. 222, 250, or 236.

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