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SURGICAL INSTRUCTIONS FOR MY PATIENTS

While surgery is a common and familiar procedure for us, we realize that it is an uncommon and unfamiliar experience for most people. Therefore, we will assist you in every way to make this a positive experience. Please read all information provided.

We ask that you follow the steps listed below so that we can make your surgery with us as easy as possible for you.

For your convenience, you will be contacted by the hospital or Surgery Center to supply registration information prior to your visit, to make any required financial arrangements, and to schedule a preliminary visit to perform any required pre-operative testing. If you are not contacted within three days before your surgery, please call the office and ask for the nurse.

On the day of surgery, please report to the Ambulatory Surgery Receptionist at least *one and a half hours before your scheduled surgery time*. If you arrive late, your appointment may be canceled and rescheduled at a later date.

Prior to your procedure, the following is necessary:

**** 1. DO NOT eat or drink anything after midnight the night before your scheduled procedure, unless otherwise instructed by your physician.**

- 2.** Remove all makeup, **nail polish**, false eyelashes, jewelry, hair pins or clips, or hair-pieces / wigs. Note: Tapped-on eyelashes or sculptured nails do not need to be removed.
- 3.** Do not bring items of value (facility cannot be responsible for their safekeeping).
- 4.** Wear loose, comfortable clothing, easy to remove and put back on.

On arrival:

1. All dentures, eyeglasses, and contact lenses will be removed prior to going into the operating room.
2. You will have a chance to ask last minute questions of your surgeon before the procedure. You will also discuss anesthesia options with your anesthesiologist.

You will be escorted to the operating room approximately one-half hour before your procedure to make final preparations for your procedure.

If you are put to sleep for your procedure, you may expect to stay in the recovery room for a minimum of one hour afterwards, or until you are fully awake.

YOU WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO DRIVE A VEHICLE AFTER YOUR PROCEDURE. Please make arrangements for someone to drive you home from the hospital or Surgery Center who you know. No public or paid transportation will be acceptable (Uber, taxi, Safe Ride, etc). If you had general anesthesia someone will have to stay with you for the first night. If you do not have someone to drive you home and stay with you, your case will be cancelled due to hospital regulations.

Your cooperation is greatly appreciated and helps us serve you better.