

YOU ARE SCHEDULED FOR A SURGICAL PROCEDURE:

Our Surgical Coordinator (Maria) will be contacting you with the exact date and time of this surgery once it is scheduled with the hospital/surgicenter. Please expect to hear from Maria in 3-5 days.

Please note it is your responsibility to schedule a pre-surgical clearance appointment with your primary care physician at least 30 days before your surgery. We will let your Doctor's office know what procedure you are having and what blood tests/x-rays the hospital requires.

The day before your procedure, the hospital (NOT OUR OFFICE) will contact you at some time before 5pm, instructing you exactly where and when you are to report on the day of your surgery. Please note that calling our office and asking what time you have to be at the hospital IS NOT NEEDED.

Please stop all blood thinners (Aspirin, Coumadin, Warfarin, Plavix, Ibuprofen, Motrin, Aleve, Heparin, Pradax, Xarelto, Lovenox, Brilinta, Eliquis, etc), _____ days before your procedure.

Please do NOT eat or drink anything starting at midnight the night before your procedure. You are allowed to take your regular medications on the morning of surgery with a small sip of water.

Please bring your drivers' license, insurance card, a current list of your medications, allergies, and family member's phone numbers with you to the hospital/surgicenter.

Don't forget to arrange a ride home if you are having same day / outpatient surgery.

If you are going to be staying in the hospital after surgery, some things you may want to bring: toothbrush, glasses/contact lenses, cellphone charger, bedroom slippers/flip flops, and comfortable clothes to change into upon discharge. We recommend you leave all jewelry, watches, and valuables at home.

You are responsible for knowing and understanding your insurance policy. Please be aware that even though you have medical insurance, a surgical procedure still requires a financial responsibility on the part of the patient. This responsibility obligates you to ensure payment in full for the services you receive. It is the patient, not the insurance company, who is ultimately responsible for all payment obligations arising from their treatment. You are responsible for deductibles, co-payments, co-insurance amounts, and/or any other patient responsibility indicated by your insurance carrier.

Please also be aware that it is our policy to collect the surgeon's fees prior to surgery if you have not yet met your yearly deductible/out-of-pocket amount. Our billing company will notify your insurance carrier of the amount that has been prepaid by you. Please note that we collect the minimum allowable prior to surgery (according to Medicare coding guidelines). However, depending on your insurance carrier and your eligibility/coverage, the final bill may not be the same as the amount prepaid by you; this could result in either a refund to you OR an additional payment required from you.

In addition to receiving a call from Maria (see above), please expect to hear from our office manager (Valentina) regarding our fees prior to your procedure as per this aforementioned policy.