

YOU ARE SCHEDULED FOR A SURGICAL PROCEDURE BY DR. GRANT DISICK:

Our Surgical Coordinator (Maria) will contact you with the date of surgery once it is scheduled with the hospital/surgicenter; you will hear from Maria within 3 days if you haven't been notified of the date already.

Please note that 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 primary care doctor's office know what procedure you're having and what blood tests, chest x-ray, EKG, etc. the hospital requires. Some patients may also need to see their Cardiologist for additional clearance.

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. Calling our office and asking what time you have to be at the hospital *IS NOT NECESSARY* as this time is per the hospital schedule.

Please stop blood thinners (Aspirin, Coumadin/Warfarin/Jantoven, Plavix (Clopidogrel), Eliquis (Apixaban), Heparin, Pradaxa (Dabigatran), Xarelto (Rivaroxaban), Brilinta (Ticagrelor), Ibuprofen, Aleve, Motrin, Advil) _____ 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 driver's license, insurance card, a current list of your medications and allergies, and family member's phone numbers with you to the hospital/surgicenter.

You will meet the Anesthesiologist on the day of surgery to discuss the anesthesia & have your questions about anesthesia answered.

Please arrange a ride home if you are having same-day / outpatient surgery; you cannot drive yourself home.

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, eyemask, earplugs, and comfortable clothes to change into upon discharge. We recommend you leave all jewelry, watches, and valuables at home. You do not need to bring your medicine bottles with you, as we request that you *do not* take your own medications if you are staying in the hospital after your procedure.

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), you also may be called from our office manager (Valentina) regarding our fees prior to your procedure as per this aforementioned policy.