

ERIE SHORES

SURGERY CENTER



Pre-Operative Instructions

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SURGERY DATE: _____

ARRIVAL TIME: _____

SURGERY TIME: _____

At least one week prior to surgery:

- If pre-admission testing is ordered, please have this done as soon as possible.
- If you take blood thinners (like Coumadin, Warfarin, Aspirin, etc.), please check with your doctor about if, and when, you should stop taking thinners before surgery and when to begin taking them again.
- Please make arrangements to have someone drive you home after your surgery. Your SURGERY WILL BE CANCELLED if you do not have transportation home.
- Please plan on having someone stay with you for the first 24 hours after surgery. Again, your SURGERY WILL BE CANCELLED if these arrangements are not made.

Before your surgery:

- We will call you to confirm your appointment and surgery time. In most cases we will ask you to arrive one hour before your scheduled surgery time.
 - If we have been unable to talk with you or leave you a message, feel free to call us at 419.627.8557. We are open 6:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. for patient calls.
- On occasion, the time of surgery may be different from what the doctor's office originally scheduled. This is usually due to changes in your doctor's schedule. We make every effort to notify you of any time changes.
- If your surgeon has given you prescriptions for medication to be taken after surgery or has given you instructions to obtain ointment, sprays, crutches, etc, have these available for use immediately after surgery.
- If you were given a folder please complete the information and bring it with you.

Please remember not to eat or drink anything after midnight the night before surgery. This means that you cannot drink coffee, soda pop, or water in the morning before your surgery!

The day of your surgery:

- If you are having any type of surgery on your arm, hand, leg, or foot please do not wear any artificial nails, nail polish or rings.
- Brushing your teeth is permitted as long as you don't swallow any of the water.
- Please leave your jewelry and valuables at home.
- If you take medicine for your heart or for high blood pressure please take it the morning of surgery with a small sip of water. Do not take any other medicines unless instructed by your physician or one of your nurses.
- Wear loose comfortable clothing, allowing for dressings after surgery.
- Please bring your driver's license or photo ID and your insurance and or current medical card with you.

If your child is having surgery:

- Please bring your child's bottle with formula or milk, pacifier, sippy cup, blanket, etc. and any favorite toy or stuffed animal with them.
- Bring a change of clothes, including underwear.
- If you have internet access, go to our web page to introduce your child and yourself to the center.

After your surgery:

After anesthesia, your reactions and judgement may be impaired. This makes driving a car dangerous to you and others. Because of this, you are **required** to have a responsible adult with you the day of surgery. This person should be someone who will drive you home from the Surgery Center and stay with you for the first 24 hours. Additionally, this person should plan to stay at the Surgery Center the entire time you are here. We will review your discharge instructions with this person to assist them in caring for you after your surgery.

Children who have had surgery need to be monitored by a responsible adult for 24 hours after surgery!

Information Regarding Billing And Fees:

We will be happy to discuss the surgery center fees and the billing process with you prior to receiving services. The surgery center fee covers the use of the facility. Services performed by laboratory, pathology, your surgeon or anesthesiology, are billed separately.

The following is accepted in lieu of cash payment: Medicare, Medicaid, Worker's Compensation (verified and authorized). Group Insurance (verified and authorized). And contracted insurance (verified and authorized). We accept Visa and MasterCard.

- Medicare patients have an annual deductible and a 20 percent co-payment for which they are responsible. If you have a Medi-Gap plan, it may cover your deductible. You will need to verify this with your insurance company.
- Medicaid patients are not responsible for any balances due after Medicaid has paid for services. In order to be considered a Medicaid patient you must present, at time of registration, a Medicaid Card that is valid for the month in which you are receiving services. If you do not have a current card, guidelines for private pay patients will apply.
- Workers Compensation patients need to provide the following information: employer's name, benefit administrator (insurance company), industrial claim number, and date of injury or illness. This will be verified and authorized prior to surgery. If the procedure is not authorized, guidelines for private pay patients will apply.
- Group insurance patients may have a policy with an annual deductible / co-insurance / out-of-pocket maximums or a policy with co-payment for services. The deductible will be billed once insurance notifies us of the balance due from the patient. If insurance does not pay within 90 days the account will be billed to the patient.
- Private pay patients (no insurance) will be required to pay a deposit of half of the total amount due before surgery. Please contact the Business Office to make payment arrangements as soon as your surgery has been scheduled at 419.627.8557.

Erie Shores Surgery Center is Joint Commission accredited and Medicare approved.