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Before Day Surgery:

- 1. You will receive up to 3 calls prior to surgery. Schedule a pre-registration appointment. It is preferred that you pre-register in person at least a week prior to surgery. A pre-op nurse will go over instructions and arrival time. If you are unable to pre-register in person, please contact our office by telephone to obtain the information needed for the patient's surgery. **Payment is due at the time of pre-registration.** You will also receive a call by the anesthesiologist group.
- 2. Your physician will notify you if any special tests or lab work is required before the day of surgery.
- 3. If you think you might be pregnant please notify your physician, anesthesiologist and nurse prior to the date of surgery. The surgical procedure, anesthesia and medications may be harmful to a developing baby.
- 4. H&P consults; clearances must be to your surgeon at least three days before surgery.

 If the patient develops fever, rash, flu, cough, diarrhea, etc., please notify your surgeon and call 361-452-5460 to notify our Day Surgery nursing staff.

Preparing for Surgery:

- One caretaker **must** remain in the facility at all times during the patient's entire surgical process.
- Arrange for transportation home from the outpatient facility. Make sure there is a competent caretaker that will be able to take you home once you are released from surgery. An adult needs to stay with the patient for the first 24 hours.
- There is limited space in the waiting room so please do not bring children, family members or friends to the facility.

Day of Surgery:

- Bring insurance information, an ID and all forms given to you by your physician.
- Bring any medications that you may need during your stay at the facility (e.g., inhaler).
- You will be given instructions from your physician on taking your daily medicine before having surgery.

 Bring with you a list of all medications you are currently taking
- The patient **should not** eat or drink anything after midnight the day of surgery unless otherwise directed by the physician. The paperwork from the patient's physician should state the instructions.
- Have the patient arrive in comfortable loose clothing.
- The patient should not wear contact lenses, nail polish, make-up, jewelry or piercings.
- Do not use lotions, cream or powder.

After Day Surgery:

- You will be given a Discharge Plan at the time of discharge. It will give specific instructions for the level of activity and diet that is recommended. Always follow recommendations from your physician.
- You might want to have ready at home some Jell-O, apple juice, chicken broth, or Gatorade so you can have something light when the get home.
- After you have returned home, please contact your physician for any questions or concerns.