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Surgery at Saint Joseph Hospital Pre-Op Quick Guide

PLEASE READ THIS INFORMATION CAREFULLY BEFORE SURGERY

Surgery Date/Time: _____ **Check-in Time:** _____

Please be aware that your scheduled time is subject to change! You should be available for the entire day.

Location: Saint Joseph Hospital – 1375 E 19th Ave, Denver, CO 80218

- **Parking:**
 - Free Valet Parking: in front of the Main Entrance (“1” on the map) at 19th and Lafayette. Available 5:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. Monday – Friday.
 - Free Self-Parking: in Garage A (“A” on map) at 19th and Downing Street. Open 24/7.
- Enter the hospital at Main Entrance (“1” on map). Take the main elevators to the 2nd floor and check in at the Surgery/Procedures Reception Desk directly off the elevators. Staff will guide you from there.

When to stop eating and drinking:

- Drink plenty of water the day and evening before your surgery
- **No food, gum, candy, lozenges, alcohol or tobacco (cigarettes, chewing, e-cig) 8 hours prior to check-in time.**
- If you use marijuana, please do not use for 3 days prior to surgery.
- Please drink 16 ounces of **clear filtered apple juice** or **Ensure® Pre-Operative Drink 2 hours prior to check-in time.** If you are diabetic, do NOT drink apple juice or Ensure – drink 16oz of water only.



Pre-Surgery Drink!

This is not regular Ensure!



Clear, Filtered TreeTop or Motts.

NO organic, store brand or diet!
NO floating pieces of apple!

OR

Medications:

- Do NOT take your diabetes medications or insulin the morning of surgery unless instructed otherwise.
- STOP taking IBUPROFEN, NAPROXEN, ALEVE (or any other NSAID) 7 days before surgery.
- STOP taking ASPIRIN 7 days before surgery unless your cardiologist or primary provider instructs you otherwise.
- STOP taking PHENTERMINE 7 days before surgery.
- STOP taking FISH OIL 2 weeks prior to surgery. AVOID ALL HERBAL SUPPLEMENTS for 2 weeks prior to surgery as they can cause excessive bleeding and have potentially harmful interactions with anesthesia medications.
- Do NOT take LISINAPRIL the day of surgery unless instructed otherwise by your healthcare provider.
- Take medications for thyroid, seizures, asthma, or pain with small sips of water the morning of surgery.

- Please continue your beta-blockers (Toprol, metoprolol, carvedilol, atenolol, etc.) as prescribed.

Responsible Adult:

- For surgeries in which you will be going home the same day, please arrange for a responsible adult to take you home and stay with you for 24 hours after surgery. It is important to have someone available to monitor you after your surgery for your safety. Taxi, Uber, Lyft, etc. are **NOT** acceptable to take alone. Failure to make these arrangements may result in your surgery being cancelled.

Other Instructions:

- Do NOT wear or bring jewelry. All piercings should be removed.
- Do NOT wear make-up, body lotions, deodorant, aftershave or perfume.
- Do NOT shave your own surgery site (an open wound, rashes, abrasions, nicks and/or cuts on the skin make cause your surgery to be cancelled).
- Please remove nail polish, gel, and/or acrylic nails from fingers and toes (this is important to assess circulation during and after your procedure).
- It is okay to bring phones, laptop computers, iPads and Kindles.

Please Bring:

- Insurance card, photo ID, co-payment (if applicable).
- Credit card or cash for prescriptions
- If you have an Advanced Directive (living will, medical power of attorney, Five Wishes, or CPR directive), please bring a copy with you.
- An updated list of your current medications (name, dosage, time last taken – including herbal supplements and vitamins).
- If you have a pacemaker, AICD or neurostimulator, please bring the device card.
- Please bring CPAP or portable oxygen if you use them at home.
- Be sure to bring a case for glasses, contact lenses, hearing aids, and dentures.
- Wear comfortable, loose-fitting clothing.
- If you have previously been provided a brace, sling, crutches, and/or cold therapy unit from Dr. Baran's office, please be sure to bring them.

Notify Dr. Baran:

- If you develop flu/cold symptoms, cough, or fever.
- If you have any cuts, infections, rashes, animal bites or scratches at or near your surgical site.
- If you have urinary tract infection symptoms (burning with urination, urgency, etc).
- If you have a pacemaker, AICD or neurostimulator
- To review all allergies to medications, latex, metals, or cement.

Discharge from the hospital:

Before you are released from the hospital, you will have to meet criteria set by the hospital and Dr. Baran. These include and are not limited to: tolerating oral fluids, minimal to no bleeding at your incision site, adequate pain and nausea control, stable vital signs. You must be able to express understanding of the discharge instructions that Dr. Baran provides. You will be provided with written instructions prior to discharge; it is imperative to read these carefully and refer to them frequently as questions arise at home.

Important Phone Numbers:

- Western Orthopaedics/Dr. Baran and Lucy: **303-321-1333**
- St. Joseph Hospital Preoperative Dept: **303-812-2000**
- Pre-Surgical Optimization: **303-318-3246**