



Dear Patient:

Welcome! Your physician has scheduled you for surgery at Liberty Surgical Center. Our address and telephone number are on the bottom of the page.

Please read the following information carefully. This will allow us to provide you with the most efficient and pleasant experience as you prepare for surgery. Please also note that your health and safety is dependent on following these directions.

1. Please return the enclosed Health Survey at least one week prior to surgery.
2. The History and Physical Evaluation Form must be completed by your physician or cardiologist within 30 days of your scheduled procedure.
3. If your doctor gave you orders for lab work, EKG or other tests, these must be completed 14 days prior to surgery. Please be advised that you may have to be rescheduled if we do not receive the test results and the history and physical form sufficiently in advance of your scheduled surgery.
4. If you are currently taking any diet or herbal supplements, please contact your surgeon for further instructions.
5. If you are currently taking anticoagulants, aspirin or products containing aspirin, please contact your surgeon for further instructions. Your surgeon may want you to stop taking these medications for some period both before and after surgery. **DO NOT stop taking any of these medications unless your surgeon advises you to do so.**
6. If any change occurs in your physical condition five days or less prior to your procedure (if you develop a cough, sore throat, infection or fever), please contact your surgeon.
7. **You are not allowed to drive after your surgery. A responsible adult must drive you home after your procedure. The driver or another responsible adult must stay for the duration of the procedure or your procedure will be rescheduled for another day. It is strongly recommended that a responsible adult stay at home with you for the first 24 hours after anesthesia.**

8. The business day before surgery, you will receive a phone call from the Center addressing the following:
 - * The time you should arrive at the Center
 - * Co-pays you may be responsible for
 - * Reviewing any questions you may haveWe cannot give you specific surgery times prior to this phone call.
9. DO NOT eat or drink anything (including gum, mints or candy) after midnight prior to your surgery unless instructed to do otherwise.
10. Remove all jewelry (including pierced jewelry) and makeup. This includes: foundation, mascara, eyeliner, eye shadow, brow pencil and lipstick. If you wear contact lenses or glasses, please bring a case for their safekeeping. Wear loose fitting, comfortable clothing the day of surgery.
11. Please leave all valuables at home (wallets, purses, etc.) and bring only your insurance cards, photo ID and any co-pay that is applicable.
12. **If you have a Medical Power of Attorney (POA), please bring it with you.**

You will receive written discharge instructions following your surgery. A post-operative phone call will also be made to you to see how you are feeling and to answer any questions or concerns you may have. If we fail to reach you by phone after two attempts, a courtesy letter will be mailed to you.

Our aim at Liberty Surgical Center is to insure you have your scheduled procedure in our safe, comfortable, pleasant facility with the convenience of returning home the same day. In the unlikely event that your condition requires extended care, arrangements will be made for your transfer to a hospital.

Thank you for your cooperation. We look forward to the opportunity to serve you.

Sincerely,

The Staff at Liberty Surgical Center