



Admission to hospital



Front desk

Check in at the front desk. You will have a hospital ID band put on your wrist. You will wear the ID wrist band during your stay; please do not remove it.

You will be directed to the surgical admission area.

Surgical admission area

In the surgical admission area you will:

- Be asked to change into a hospital gown.
- Be asked to sign your Consent form (if you have not already done so).
- Receive pre-operative medications and have an intravenous (IV) started, if ordered.

If you need medication to help relax before surgery, tell your nurse when you are admitted.

Your family member or friend will be asked to take your belongings home for safe keeping, and bring them back after **your surgery**. If you are alone, the staff will take your items to your room.

Before going to the operating room

Before going to the operating room, you will be asked to empty your bladder and remove your glasses/contact lenses, hearing aids, prosthesis, wig, body piercings and/or dentures if required. You will then be moved to the operating room "holding area."

Operating room "holding area"

In the operating room holding area you will be asked questions you have already answered. This is to double-check all your information. Your surgeon or anesthesiologist may visit you there. You will be taken into the operating room when it is ready.

Operating room

In the operating room a nurse will stay with you to explain what is happening, answer any questions and offer support. The surgical team will go through a Safety Checklist when you are in the operating room. This checklist ensures that the entire team understands the surgical plan and that all the required equipment is ready. The length of time of your surgery depends on the type of surgery. After surgery you will be moved to the recovery room.

Recovery room

In the recovery room, nurses will watch you closely. They will give you medication for pain and nausea as needed.

The length of time you are in the recovery room will depend on the type of surgery and how you react to the anesthetic. It is common to not remember much of your time in the recovery room. If you are staying in the hospital overnight, you will be moved to a nursing unit or, for some patients, a critical care unit.

Your room

There are many things that can delay your arrival in your room after surgery. We request that family/friends allow extra time for you to get to your room.