



ORTHOPAEDIC SURGERY CENTER & GAINESVILLE OUTPATIENT ANESTHESIA, P.A.

To our Patients,

From your Anesthesiologist and the surgery center staff:

Welcome to the Orthopaedic Surgery Center. We want to make your visit as safe and as comfortable as possible. Please let this letter serve as our introduction. We will meet you and perform our final pre-anesthesia evaluation on the day of your surgery. We will also discuss options available to you for your anesthetic and obtain your consent.

In order for your visit here to be safe, we have certain rules that we ask you to follow during your time in our facility. Some of these rules are set by national standards and some are particular to our practice. **IF YOU DO NOT FOLLOW THESE RULES, YOUR SURGERY MAY BE CANCELLED.**

1. **Do not eat or drink anything after midnight on the night prior to surgery.** Exceptions to this are any medications that you have been asked to take the morning of your surgery. These medications should be taken with just a sip of water. Any other exceptions to this rule will be discussed with you and written instructions provided to you.
2. **A friend or relative must come with you on your day of surgery.** This person should plan to stay at the facility while you are having your surgery. This person will be given your discharge instructions in the recovery room. **Only one person will be admitted into the clinical areas.**
3. **You must have someone to transport you home after surgery and someone to stay with you overnight.** Many anesthetics can seriously impair your ability to think clearly or react quickly. Failure to have a responsible adult present to take you home and stay with you overnight will result in cancellation of your surgery.
4. **Do not bring children to the surgery center.** They will not be admitted to the pre-op or recovery areas. For many reasons, it is not appropriate for children to be present in these areas. If you have questions, please talk with a surgery center employee before your day of surgery.
5. **Please wear comfortable, loose fitting clothes on the day of surgery.**
6. **Do not bring valuables with you on your day of surgery. This includes all jewelry.**

Other reasons that your surgery may be cancelled include: fever, significant respiratory infection, changes in your medical condition, abnormal laboratory tests, or an emergency your surgeon must attend.

If you have questions about your anesthesia, please visit www.lifelinetomodernmedicine.com. We will address any other questions you have the morning of your surgery. If your question requires immediate attention, please call the Orthopaedic Surgery Center.

As always we strive to stay on the schedule. Your arrival time has been pre-designated by your surgeon. It is important to arrive on time. This will allow the appropriate time required for our staff to help you get ready for surgery as well as providing some flexibility in the schedule if there are cancellations or other events that cause them to get ahead of schedule. There are however times when delays may occur that we are unable to inform you of before your arrival. We will always try to let you know when we are experiencing a delay. If a case ahead of you requires more attention than planned for, please remember that when it is your turn, you will also receive all the attention your case requires before the next patient is served.

Please inform anyone coming to the surgery center with you that no food or beverage is allowed in our waiting area. This is out of respect for our patients who have not been able to eat or drink for extended periods. There is an outside courtyard where food and drink may be enjoyed. If your friend or family member chooses to wait in the courtyard, they might miss the opportunity to speak with the surgeon when surgery is complete. Cell phones may not be used in the clinical areas and must be in silent mode.

We look forward to serving you. Thank you for choosing the Orthopaedic Surgery Center.