



Pre-Operative Instructions For Surgery Center Procedures

To ensure successful surgery and smooth recovery, please follow these pre-operative instructions carefully. If you have any questions or concerns, contact our office at 727-870-3223 or email us at tcent.contact@entaaf.com.

1. Medications:

- a. **Review Your Medications:** Bring a list of all medications, including over-the-counter drugs, supplements (like fish oil), and vitamins, to your pre-operative appointment.
- b. **Blood Thinners:** If you are taking blood thinners (e.g., aspirin, warfarin, clopidogrel), you may need to stop them several days before surgery. Dr. Caceres or your primary care physician will provide specific instructions.
- c. **Diabetes Medications:** Follow specific instructions provided by Dr. Caceres regarding your diabetes medications, especially insulin.

2. Fasting:

- a. **No Food or Drink:** Do not eat or drink anything after midnight the night before your surgery. This includes water, chewing gum, and mints.
- b. **Medications:** If you need to take essential medications, use a small sip of water unless otherwise instructed.

3. Smoking and Alcohol:

- a. **Stop Smoking:** Refrain from smoking at least two weeks before surgery. Smoking can interfere with anesthesia and slow down the healing process.
- b. **No Alcohol:** Avoid alcohol for at least two weeks before your surgery.

4. Hygiene:

- a. **Shower:** Take a shower the night before or the morning of your surgery using an antibacterial soap. Do not apply lotions, perfumes, deodorants, or makeup.
- b. **Clothing:** Wear loose, comfortable clothing on the day of surgery. Avoid jewelry, nail polish, and contact lenses.

5. Arrival:

- a. **Check-In Time:** Arrive at the hospital or surgical center at the designated time. Arriving late could result in your surgery being rescheduled.
- b. **Transportation:** **Arrange for a responsible adult to drive you to and from the surgical facility. You will not be allowed to drive yourself home after the procedure.**

6. Personal Items:

- a. **Leave Valuables at Home:** Do not bring valuables such as jewelry, watches, or large amounts of cash.

____Patient Initials

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- b. Essential Items: Bring your insurance card, identification, a list of medications, and any paperwork provided by our office.

7. Health Changes:

- a. Illness: If you develop a fever, cold, or any other illness before your surgery, contact our office immediately. Your surgery may need to be rescheduled for your safety.

8. Day of Surgery:

- a. Check-In: Upon arrival, check in at the registration desk and provide any necessary information.
- b. Pre-Op Preparation: You will be taken to the pre-operative area where a nurse will prepare you for surgery. This may include changing into a hospital gown, starting an IV line, and reviewing your medical history.
- c. Meeting with Anesthesiologist: The anesthesiologist will discuss the anesthesia plan with you and answer any questions you may have.
- d. Surgery: You will be taken to the operating room for your procedure. Dr. Caceres and the surgical team will ensure you are comfortable and well cared for throughout the surgery.

Following these instructions will help ensure that your surgery proceeds smoothly and without complications. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to reach out to us. We are here to support you every step of the way.

MY SIGNATURE BELOW INDICATES I HAVE READ, UNDERSTAND, AND AGREE TO FOLLOW THE PRE-OPERATIVE INSTRUCTIONS STATED IN THIS POLICY.

Witness Signature

Patient / Agent / Guardian Signature

Date Signed

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