
SAME DAY SURGERY

You are going to be admitted to the hospital on the same day that you have your surgery. Here are some things you need to know and do:

Today: _____

- * Go to Pre-admission Center, 1740 W. Taylor, telephone: _____
The Pre-admission nurse will schedule all tests or consults which need to be done *before* your surgery.
- * Have all tests done as instructed today or on a day set up for you by the nurse in the Pre-admission Center.

The work day (Monday – Friday) before surgery _____

- * Call (312) 996-3816 between 2:00 and 4:00 p.m. to get instructions for the day of surgery regarding time, location, and what medications you should take.

The evening before surgery _____

- * Take a bath or shower and wash your hair. (do not put any grease or ointment on your hair)
- * Practice taking deep breaths and coughing as taught by the nurse today.
- * Do not eat or drink anything after midnight unless you have been instructed otherwise by the nurse. Also do not smoke or chew gum. You may brush your teeth and gargle one time, as long as you do not swallow.

The day of your surgery _____

- * Report to the University of Illinois Hospital, 1740 W. Taylor St, Chicago IL 60612, at the time and place that you were instructed.
- * Do not wear any make-up, nail polish, jewelry or perfume/cologne.
- * Do not bring anything valuable or any large amounts of money with you.

OTHER SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS: (These only apply if they are checked off).

___ On _____ Go to Physical Therapy, Room C-100 located in the main hospital. Take the elevators located in the lobby to the basement. Please have with you your consult for crutches and gait training. Be sure to take your crutches with you to the hospital. You must be seen by the physical therapist prior to surgery. If you are an HMO insurance carrier, please obtain an authorization first.

___ On _____ Go to the Blood Bank, Room 1611, located in the main hospital. Take the **gold requisition** to the Blood Bank. If you are donating your own blood to be used at the time of your surgery, be sure to take the iron pills that your doctor prescribed. This will help to replace the iron stores that your body will lose from donating your own blood. Iron can turn your stools black and may cause constipation. Taking your iron pill with orange juice will help your body absorb the iron. Be sure to take the iron prior to giving blood. After you have donated your blood you will be given a **green card** that identifies your blood. **PLEASE BE SURE TO TAKE THAT GREEN CARD ON THE DAY YOU ARE ADMITTED TO THE HOSPITAL AND GIVE IT TO YOUR NURSE.** The Blood Bank hours are Monday – Friday, 8:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m., and on Saturday, 10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

If you have any other questions, please feel free to call the _____ at **312-996-_____** or **Pre-Admission Center** at **312-996-7487** and ask to speak to a nurse.