

# IMPORTANT

## INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR SURGERY



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The staff of Emerson Road Surgery Center wishes to make your upcoming visit as comfortable and pleasurable as possible. You will be provided the highest quality of care in a warm, personal setting with new state-of-the-art equipment.

Please read the following information carefully. You will find it helpful in making your surgery a successful experience.

### Before You Arrive

- You should receive from your doctor's office "Patient's Bill of Rights and Responsibilities" in advance of your procedure. If you have not received it, please contact your doctor's office.
- Do not eat or drink anything after midnight the night before your operation.** This includes candy, mints & gum. This also applies if you are having local anesthesia. Food in the stomach can cause serious complications and your surgery could be canceled or postponed. If your child is the patient, please be careful to enforce this.
- Call your surgeon if you develop a cold, fever or respiratory problem before your surgery.
- For women, if there is any possibility that you're pregnant, please notify your surgeon.
- If you become ill or take any new medications prior to your surgery, please notify your doctor immediately.

- Do not drink alcoholic beverages for 24 hours after receiving a general anesthetic or pain medication.
- Plan to have someone at home with you for a day.

### Billing Information

After surgery, Emerson Road Surgery Center will submit your bill to your insurance company. There are separate charges for your doctor and anesthesia.

All deductibles, co-pays, and co-insurance are expected at time of service. If no one has contacted you 24 hours before your surgery, please call the center regarding your estimates at 314-991-9922.

### Advance Directive Notification

You have the right to present an advance directive or receive information about advance directives. In the event of an emergency we will initiate life saving measures and transfer you to an acute care facility. Our contracted transfer facility will honor your advance directive.

If you wish to receive a copy of an Advance Directive, copies are available at the Center upon request.

### Disclosure of Ownership

Your physician may have a financial interest in this facility. You have the right to choose the provider of your healthcare.

### What to Expect:

Your surgeon, anesthesiologist, surgical nurse and other healthcare providers know there are certain steps that are important to take to make sure that you receive proper care. You should expect these steps to be taken.

### Correct Patient, Correct Procedure, Correct Treatment, Correct Site

- Many of our staff will ask you your name and another identifying piece of information, such as your date of birth, as different people can have the same name.

Your healthcare provider should tell you the name of the medication that you are receiving.

Before you go home, you should be given a list of your medications and any new prescriptions that your doctor has written for you.

If you have any questions or concerns about your medications, please **SPEAK UP!**

### Preventing Falls

#### For Your Safety:

- We will make sure that you are wearing non-slip foot coverings while you are awake
- We will accompany you to the restroom and stay with you at all times
- We will ensure that you have assistance getting dressed
- We will require you to have assistance when getting in or out of bed
- We will be discharging you in a wheelchair (as you will have been medicated)

If you need assistance at any time, please **SPEAK UP!**

### Statement of Nondiscrimination

Emerson Road Surgery Center complies with applicable Federal civil rights laws and does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, age, disability, or sex.

ATENCIÓN: si habla español, tiene a su disposición servicios gratuitos de asistencia lingüística. Llame al 1-314-991-9922.

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