

WHAT TO EXPECT SURGERY PATIENTS

Once you have gone through the general pre-op, there are some things that are procedure specific.

1. The procedure room nurse and an anesthesia provider will come to your bedside and review your chart, medical history, medications and consents for the procedure.
2. They will ask you; what is your name, what are you having done.
3. The anesthesia provider may give you some medication in your IV to start making you sleepy.
4. They will take you to the operating room on the stretcher, reattach the monitors, and prepare you for the surgery.
5. Depending on the surgery, the staff and the physician will position you on a surgical table to best suit the type of surgery.
6. Surgical time is dependant on the type of procedure being done and on any out lying issues that may become apparent during the procedure. Your doctor will discuss all known potential issues prior to your surgical procedure.
7. Once surgery is done, the team will transport you to the recovery area. They will give report to the receiving nurse, place you back on monitors and oxygen.
8. You will be observed and cared for by the recovery room nurse, She will assess you for pain nausea and any changes in the surgical site.
9. An anesthesiologist is always immediately available to help with any problems you might have.
- 10. Once you have met discharge criteria, your nurse will go over your discharge instructions and care with you and your adult driver care taker. YOU MUST HAVE AN ADULT TO ACCEPT RESPONSIBILITY FOR YOU AND DRIVE YOU HOME.**