

Waiting at home for surgery

You have been informed by your surgeon that you can wait at home for your surgery. Your surgery will take place at _____.

1. How will I know when to come to the hospital?

- A staff member from the Operating Room (OR) will call you about 2 hours before your surgery:
 - ✓ When the OR calls, you will be asked when you last had something to eat or drink.
 - ✓ You must arrange a ride to pick you up after surgery. Your surgery will be cancelled if you have not arranged a ride home.
 - ✓ When you arrive at the hospital, please go to patient registration in the lobby, near the main entrance. You will be directed to Same Day Surgery.
 - ✓ Please keep in mind that your surgery time may change or your surgery may be cancelled after you arrive at the hospital due to circumstances beyond our control such as an emergency.

2. Can I eat or drink?

- It is important for you to have nothing to eat, drink or chew gum starting at midnight.
- If you saw your surgeon this morning, and were told you may have surgery today, do not have anything to eat, drink or chew gum unless you have heard from your surgeon or the hospital.

3. What else do I need to do?

- Please follow any information your surgeon has provided to you about your surgery.
- Continue to take your prescribed medications (with a sip of water) unless your surgeon has said told you otherwise.