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**General, Laparoscopic, Colorectal, Bariatric, and Oncologic Surgery**

Date of Surgery \_\_\_\_\_

Planned Procedure \_\_\_\_\_

- You must contact your primary care physician to schedule a pre-surgical history and physical, per anesthesia no more than 28 days prior to surgery and no less than 5 days. If we do not receive this information anesthesia may cancel your surgical care.
- Please review with your physician your current medications. He should inform you which medicines should be taken the morning of surgery.
- Pre-surgical testing is usually done within 5-14 days prior to surgery (not less than 3 days) per anesthesia. Depending on your insurance, tests can be done at either your primary care physician's office or the hospital. These tests might include blood, urine, x-ray; or electrocardiogram depending on your age. Your primary care physician will advise you and results must be forwarded to the hospital or anesthesia will cancel your case.
- The hospital will call to review surgical instructions with you. Please have a list of medications and doses available when they call. An anesthesiologist may also call you prior to surgery. This may or may not be the anesthesiologist assigned to you on your surgery date. The insurance department will also call, please have your insurance information readily available.
- Your surgery time is preliminary and is subject to change. The hospital will call you the evening before your procedure between 4-7pm, to confirm your final arrival time.
- Please notify us if you are taking Aspirin, NSAIDS, (Advil, Aleve etc.) Coumadin or Plavix. You must not take any aspirin or aspirin products for 7 days before surgery. Tylenol is acceptable. Do not stop these medications without consulting your primary care /cardiologist first.
- Nothing by mouth after midnight the night before surgery. Not even water. You may brush your teeth but do not swallow any water.
- If you or your physician has any questions, please feel free to contact the surgery scheduling desk at (847) 381-8161.
- **YOU MUST HAVE A RIDE HOME AFTER YOUR PROCEDURE**
- **CALL THE NEXT DAY FOR YOUR POST OPERATIVE APPOINTMENT**