

Pacemaker Insertion, Generator Change, and Lead Replacement Preparation Instructions

You are scheduled for an upcoming surgery. Please carefully follow all instructions below to avoid delays or cancellation of your procedure.

Prior to Surgery

- Stop all non-prescription blood-thinning agents (including Aspirin, Garlic, Fish Oil, Vitamin E, and similar supplements) 7 days before surgery.
 - Failure to do so may result in your surgery being canceled and rescheduled.
- Follow your Cardiologist's instructions for prescription blood thinners.
 - Not following these instructions may also result in cancellation of your procedure.
- Arrival Time: Please arrive at the hospital 1 hour prior to your scheduled surgery time.
- Pre-Procedure Call: The Cath Lab will contact you prior to your procedure to confirm your arrival time and surgery time.

Day of Surgery

- Nothing by mouth after midnight the night before your surgery.
 - Do not eat or drink anything.
 - Do not take any medications unless specifically instructed.
 - If instructed to take medications, take them with only a small sip of water.
 - Eating or drinking after midnight will result in cancellation of your procedure.
- Do not bring jewelry. All jewelry must be removed prior to surgery, including wedding bands, watches, earrings, necklaces, bracelets, and anklets.
Failure to remove jewelry may result in cancellation.
- Remove all nail polish and artificial nails.
- Shower the morning of surgery using an antimicrobial soap (such as Dial).
- Clothing:
 - Wear warm, loose, comfortable clothing.
 - Wear low-heeled, comfortable shoes.
- Bring with you:
 - Photo ID
 - Insurance card(s)
 - Advanced Directives (if applicable)
- Personal Items: If you wear glasses, contact lenses, dentures, or hearing aids, you may bring them. Please also bring appropriate storage containers for these items during your procedure.
- Transportation: You must have a driver to take you home after your procedure. You will not be permitted to drive yourself.

Questions or Concerns

If you have questions about scheduling, please contact your Surgery Scheduler.
If you experience any health concerns before or after your procedure, please call (352) 674-8700.

- During business hours, you will be connected with a nurse.
- After hours, you will be connected with the on-call physician.