



PATIENT INSTRUCTIONS FOR SURGERY / PROCEDURES

We are pleased that you have chosen Huntington Hospital (HH) for your medical care.

Your surgery or procedure has been planned for:

Date of Surgery/Procedure: _____ **Scheduled Time of Surgery/Procedure:** _____

Arrival Time on the Day of Surgery/Procedure: _____

Physician/Surgeon: _____ **Physician/Surgeon Phone:** _____

If there are any changes, your doctor's office or the HH Same Day Surgery staff will call you. If you are ill on the morning of your surgery/procedure, or need to cancel for any reason, you must call your doctor's office as soon as possible. Also, please call Same Day Surgery at (626) 397-3672.

PRE-OPERATIVE APPOINTMENT AND TESTS

An appointment will be made with you before your hospitalization or outpatient visit. This pre-operative appointment is needed to get important information that will prevent registration delays or cancellations. It also gives you a chance to speak to a registered nurse and ask questions. The HH Call Center will telephone you for your pre-operative appointment or you may call the Call Center at (626) 397-5600 and ask to schedule a pre-operative appointment.

PRE-OPERATIVE TESTING APPOINTMENT: Please arrive at the Huntington Pavilion, 3rd floor Patient Services – Pre-operative Testing for your appointment. (See the back for directions.) Please plan for 2 hours to finish this appointment. During this time, you will complete your registration, have one-to-one teaching with a nurse, and as needed, receive laboratory tests, EKG and a chest x-ray.

For HMO patients (e.g., HCP, Physicians Assoc., Physicians Healthways, etc.) laboratory tests may be done outside of HH or at your primary doctor's office. Your HMO will need to approve laboratory testing at Huntington Hospital within 14 days of your surgery if you are giving blood for your surgery/procedure. Check with your doctor to see if this applies to you.

WHAT TO BRING TO YOUR PRE-OPERATIVE APPOINTMENT:

- Insurance card and authorization information, as needed.
- Photo identification
- Please bring your glasses, as you will be asked to read and sign paperwork
- Any paperwork from your doctor's office.
- Name and phone number of location where outside lab work, EKG, or x-rays were done.
- List of all medicines, including over-the-counter medicines, vitamins, and herbs.
- List of previous surgeries/procedures and other medical history events.
- Immunization record for children 15 years of age and younger.
- Children younger than 18 years (minors) must come with a parent or legal guardian (with proof of guardianship).
- A copy of your Advance Directive for Health Care.
- If the patient is unable to sign, bring papers for Conservatorship/Durable Power of Attorney.

DAY OF SURGERY

Unless otherwise instructed, please arrive at the Admitting Department of the main hospital (see map) at the specific arrival time on the day of your surgery/procedure. You will be given more directions (e.g., to Same Day Surgery Unit) or will be taken to the next location.

YOUR BELONGINGS: Your family will be asked to hold your clothing and other belongings while you are having your surgery/procedure. If your family is not available, other plans will be made.

- For patients going home the same day, please have family bring belongings before going home.
- For patients staying overnight, please have family take belongings to the patient's room.

Please do not bring valuables such as jewelry, credit cards, and cash, etc. to the hospital during your stay. You will be asked to send any valuables home with your family.

AFTER SURGERY/PROCEDURE CARE: Please plan to have someone drive you home if you are not staying at the hospital overnight. You will not be allowed to drive yourself.

DIRECTIONS & PARKING

HUNTINGTON PAVILION – for Pre-operative testing appointment: The Huntington Pavilion is located at 625 S. Fair Oaks Ave. (south/west corner of California Blvd. and Fair Oaks Ave.). The Patient Services - Preoperative Testing is located on the 3rd floor, suite 355. The entrance to the parking structure is on Fair Oaks Ave.

MAIN HOSPITAL ENTRANCE – day of surgery / procedure: Enter the hospital through the main driveway located on California Blvd. Follow signs to the North Parking underground structure (follow the circle & go down ramp.) There is a daily parking fee. Valet parking is also available at the main driveway. From the parking structure, enter the front entrance of the main hospital. Go to the Information Desk for help. (See map below.)

