

Outpatient Day of Surgery Schedule

SAME DAY SURGERY (SDS) 1st floor	<p>You will spend about 30–60 minutes in SDS where you will complete patient registration and additional testing if needed.*</p> <p>A staff member will then bring you to the 7th floor to the preoperative holding area.</p> <p>Family members will typically wait on the 1st floor waiting area where your progress can be monitored.</p>
PREOPERATIVE HOLDING AREA 7th floor	<p>You will spend 30–60 minutes in the 7th floor pre-operative holding area, although this time can be longer depending upon room readiness.</p> <p>The nurse and anesthesia team will review your medical history with you, discuss your anesthesia, and start your IV.</p> <p>The surgical service will verify your procedure, answer any questions you have about your procedure, and mark your surgical site.</p>
OPERATING ROOM (OR) 7th floor	<p>When the surgeon and operating room are ready for you, you will be brought to the OR.</p> <p>Your surgeon can give you an estimate of how long your surgery will be, but note that the total time in the operating room also includes administering and discontinuing anesthesia, positioning and preparing the operative site and transferring you to the recovery room.</p> <p>When the surgery is complete, the operating room team will notify you.</p>
RECOVERY ROOM 7th floor	<p>You will spend about 1–2 hours in the recovery room where a nurse will check your blood pressure, heart rate and oxygen level and assist you with your safety and comfort needs.</p> <p>If you received local anesthesia only, you will return to SDS on the 1st floor immediately after your procedure.</p>
SAME DAY SURGERY (SDS) 1st floor	<p>After the recovery room, you will return to SDS on the 1st floor where you will see your family and be provided with crackers and juice.</p> <p>A nurse will go over your postoperative instructions and give you any prescriptions if ordered by your physician.</p> <p>The amount of time spent in SDS will be different for each patient. You will be discharged when it is safe for you to go home.</p>

* Occasionally, the surgical case before you will take longer than anticipated. A member of the surgical team will communicate this to you and your family. If this happens, you will need to wait in SDS or the preoperative holding area longer than expected. If you or your family has questions, please ask the front desk staff for updated information.

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Information For Family Members

WHERE SHOULD YOU GO?

Family members can wait in the 1st floor surgical waiting area.

There is a computerized monitor in the waiting area that will indicate when the patient goes into the Operating Room and when the patient enters the Recovery room after surgery. For privacy purposes, each patient will be identified by a case number (listed below). First and last names will not be used.

- It is important for family members to check in at the information desk on the 1st floor where you will be given a pager in exchange of your driver's license (which will be secure).
- This pager will buzz when surgery is complete and the surgeon is ready to speak.
- When the pager buzzes, please immediately return to the information desk on the 1st floor for further instructions.
- If you cannot immediately return to the information desk, please call 708.660.2300 to inform staff.
- If you plan on leaving the hospital, you will need to give a phone number to the information desk so staff can contact you if needed.

FOR YOUR CONVENIENCE

Cafeteria Location

2nd floor near elevator A

Gift Shop Location

1st floor near the information desk

Same Day Surgery (SDS) Phone Number

708.660.4800

Information Desk Phone Number

708.660.2300

This is the number that has been assigned to the patient **CASE #** _____
so you can follow them through the surgical process.