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## General Surgical Pre Operative Instructions

Your surgery is scheduled for \_\_\_\_\_ at,

Rush Surgicenter  
1725 W. Harrison St. Ste 556  
Chicago, IL  
[www.rushsurgicenter.org](http://www.rushsurgicenter.org)  
312-563-2880  
5040

Rush Oak Park Hospital  
520 S. Maple Ave  
Oak Park, IL  
[www.roph.org](http://www.roph.org)  
708-383-9300

Rush University MedCtr  
1653 W. Congress Pkwy  
Chicago, IL  
[www.rush.edu](http://www.rush.edu)  
312-942-

***Surgery time:*** You will be contacted by a nurse from the facility where your surgery will take place the DAY BEFORE your surgery to let you know what time to arrive. Contact numbers are listed if you have not received a call by late afternoon. You will go home the same day (unless otherwise discussed).

***Insurance info:*** Dr. Nho's office will precertify your surgery with your insurance company. Please provide us with the most up to date information regarding your insurance. Your benefits will be verified. If you are under Workman's Compensation, written authorization will be obtained before scheduling surgery.

***Pre operative testing:*** Dr. Nho will let you know what pre-operative testing is required when you schedule your surgery. This may include basic bloodwork and/or seeing your medical doctor or cardiologist. If you require bloodwork, you do NOT need to fast. For anesthesia purposes the information MUST BE completed and faxed to the office AT LEAST ONE WEEK PRIOR TO SURGERY. If the information is not received or incomplete, your surgery may be cancelled.

***Plan time off of work/school:*** You will likely need time off of work/school. This varies based on the amount of time you spend on your feet, lifting requirements, commuting etc. Please submit any necessary disability paperwork/request necessary documentation from the office prior to surgery. You may fax the requested paperwork to the office to the attention of Joely. Please include the ADDRESS OR FAX NUMBER

where you would like this submitted and the DATE you would like to return to work. Please plan ahead and allow 7–10 days for completion.

***Physical therapy:*** should start the week after surgery (unless otherwise instructed). Call ahead to set up your PT appointment. You will be provided with the necessary paperwork to give your therapist on the day of surgery.

***Equipment:*** you will be provided with a brace (depending on the specifics of your surgical procedure), crutches/walker, and/or sling on surgery day. If you have your own crutches or walker, please bring them along so they can be adjusted appropriately.

***Medications:***

***Stop:*** Motrin, Advil, Ibuprofen, Aleve, Naproxen, Mobic, Aspirin, Plavix, Herbal supplements and vitamins seven days prior to surgery.

***Limit:*** Use of narcotic pain medications (if you take them). This will make it easier to manage post op pain. (examples: norco, vicodin, percocet)

***Contact your primary doctor:*** If you take Coumadin, Lovenox, Ticlid or any other blood thinners. Your doctor will need to help manage starting and stopping these medicines. Please make Dr. Nho aware if you take these medications.

***Morning of surgery:*** If you normally take your cardiac medications in the morning, take with a small sip of water. If you are diabetic and take LONG ACTING insulin, take HALF of your AM dose.

DO NOT take the following medication the morning of surgery:

- Diuretics (or any blood pressure medications with a diuretic component)
- Oral diabetic medications
- Regular (short acting) Insulin

***The night before surgery:***

**DO NOT** eat or drink anything after midnight.

Do not smoke after midnight.

Meds can be taken with a small sip of water.

Wash with **HIBICLEANSE** soap and repeat the morning of surgery (available at Walgreens or CVS).

***What to bring with you to surgery:***

- comfortable clothes to wear home (if you need a brace it will go over your clothes)
- a family member or friend to drive you home (Rush Oak Park)
- a family member or friend to remain with you for the duration of your procedure day (Rush Surgicenter)
- your pharmacy number so we can call in your medications

***Important Contact Information***

Central scheduling: 708-236-2701

Jeannie Taylor, Administrative Assistant: (312) 432-2525

Allison Petersen, PA-C: 312-432-2388

Office Fax Number: (708) 492-5525

After Hours/Weekend/Emergency number to RUSH resident: 708-236-2600.