# SCHEDULE & APPOINTMENT TIMES CHECKLIST

Please bring this folder to all of your pre-surgery/procedure appointments

This page is for you to write down all of your appointments. Please note that you may not need all of the types of appointments listed below. Please be sure to ask your doctor.

Surgery/Procedure Date:		
<b>Location:</b> (check your assigned location)  ☐ 6640 Alton Pkwy. Irvine, CA 92618 – Main Operating Room (OR)		
□ 6670 Alton Pkwy. Irvine, CA 92618 – SurgiCenter		
	D □ Anesthesia Telephone Appointment	
Date:	Date:	
Time:		
Location:	Time:	
Health Care Provider:	Health Care Provider:	
<b>B</b> □Surgery Preparation Class	<b>E</b> □ Postoperative Appointment	
Date:	Date:	
Time:	Time:	
	Location:	
Location:	Health Care Provider:	
C □ Preoperative Appointment		
Date:	Canceling Your Surgery	
Time:	If you need to cancel your surgery or procedure, please call the Surgery	
Location:	Scheduling department at (714) 572-7030.	
Health Care Provider:	372-7030.	



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For questions about parking, please call the Hospital Security department at: (949) 932-5510.

Need assistance? Call the Hospital Operator at: (949) 932-5000.







## **GETTING HERE**

## Check-In and Food & Drink



### **Check-In on Campus**

- Main Operating Room (OR)
   6640 Alton Pkwy.
  - OR Check-in on the 2nd floor,
    Suite 210
- SurgiCenter

6670 Alton Pkwy.

SC - Check-in on the 2nd floor

## Food & Drink on Campus

Canyon Café



Monday - Friday 7 a.m. to 3 p.m., 4 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Saturday & Sunday 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., 5 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Gift Shop



Monday - Friday; 9 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. Saturday and Sunday; 10 a.m. to 6 p.m

(subject to volunteer availability)





Follow the general rules listed below, and confirm with your regular doctor (primary care physician) or surgeon what medicines you should take and what you should stop before surgery.

#### **Medicines or Herbs for Adults**

- STOP anti-inflammatory medicines (such as Motrin, Advil, Naproxen, Excedrin) 3 days before surgery. You may use Tylenol for pain.
- Some non-prescription (over-the-counter) medicine must also be stopped at least 7 days before surgery. Ask your doctor which ones to stop taking.
- STOP all herbal medicines at least 7 days before your surgery date. Herbal medicines may cause bleeding and/or problems with anesthesia.
- STOP taking all diet pills 7 days before your surgery date.

#### **Coumadin or Other Blood Thinning Medicines**

- Aspirin and Clopidogrel (Plavix): STOP aspirin, aspirin containing products, and Clopidogrel (Plavix) for 7 days before surgery date unless directed by your physician to continue. Aspirin products include baby aspirin, Alka-Seltzer, and Excedrin. If you are taking aspirin or Clopidogrel (Plavix) because you have a history of heart attack, heart failure, stroke, atrial fibrillation, or stent placement, please discuss with the prescribing physician or during your preoperative medical clearance before stopping the medication.
- Warfarin (Coumadin), Enoxaparin (Lovenox), Heparin, or Direct Oral AntiCoagulants (DOAC medications include: Apixaban, Dabigatran, Rivaroxaban, Edoxaban): Your surgeon will place a referral to our Anti-Coagulation Clinic (714-279-5403) or the regional DOAC pharmacy so they may plan when to stop your medicine and if additional treatment is needed before surgery.
- \*Kaiser Permanente does not endorse the medications or products mentioned. Any trade names are for easy identification only.

#### **Medicines or Herbs for Children**

- Children should take all oral or inhaled prescribed medicines on the day of surgery.
- STOP all herbal medicines or supplements 7 days before surgery.



## Special Instructions - ADULT & CHILD

#### **If You Have Diabetes**

- Make sure you are controlling your blood sugar.
- If your blood sugar is not in normal range your surgery may be rescheduled.
- DO NOT take these medicines on the day of surgery:
- ~ Diabetes pills ~ Regular "R" insulin ~ Lispro (Humalog) insulin
- The day before surgery, your Preop Team will let you know which insulin and how much to take the morning of surgery.
- If you feel weak, nauseated, shaky, confused, or sweaty; feel your blood sugar is low or glucose check is < 70mg/dl, then drink any of the following: clear apple juice, Gatorade/Powerade (no red color drinks) or 7-up/Sprite.
- **DO NOT** eat solid food, candy, gum, sugar tablets, sugar gel, milk-based products or drink orange juice as this may cause your surgery to be delayed or canceled.
- Visit kp.org/diabetes for more information.

## If You Smoke, Vape or Chew Tobacco

- STOP smoking completely 1-2 months before surgery to minimize the risk of health problems such as pneumonia and poor wound healing. Do not smoke for at least 3 months after surgery.
- Speak with your regular doctor (primary care physician) for resources and tools to help you stop smoking.
- Call 1-866-862-4295 to make an appointment with a Wellness Coach in our Wellness Coaching by Phone program or visit kp.org/quitsmoking.
- You can also take a Tobacco Cessation class with our Center For Healthy Living department. Call 1-888-988-2800 to register for a class or for more information.

## Special Instructions - ADULT & CHILD



## If You Smoke, Vape or Chew Tobacco (continued)

• <u>Parents/Guardians of children</u>: Exposing your children to smoking (smoking around your child) can cause health problems such as pneumonia and poor wound healing after surgery. STOP exposing your child to smoking at least one month before surgery and for at least 3 months after surgery.

## **If You Drink Alcohol**

- STOP drinking beer, wine and alcohol 2 days before surgery as this may interfere with the anesthesia and may cause surgical problems.
- If you believe you are a heavy drinker, let your surgeon and anesthesiologist know.

#### **Staying Active**

• Walk or stay active. Moving helps your body recover.

#### **Dental Health**

- A key to good dental health is to have regular dental checkups and cleanings every six months.
- Complete any necessary dental work 4 to 5 weeks before your surgery.
- You must be free of dental or gum infection in order to have surgery.
- If you have full dentures (upper and lower), no dental clearance is necessary.

#### **Other Medical Conditions**

### Call your surgeon's office, if you have...

- Untreated or currently treating a urinary tract infection.
- New onset of any medical problem.
- Recent emergency room or urgent care visits.
- Skin rashes, cuts or wounds on your skin.



✓ Preparation & Home Safety Suggestions
- ADULT & CHILD

Arranging your home, equipment and family support before surgery will promote a smooth homecoming. Here are some suggestions.

☐ <b>Groceries</b> Get groceries, supplies and easy to prepare meals.	□ <b>Rugs</b> Take all throw rugs off the floor; rugs are a tripping hazard and can cause falls.
☐ Meals Prepare your meals ahead of time and store them in the freezer for use after you get home from the hospital.	□ Non-Skid Mats Consider installing non-skid mats or strips on shower/tub floor.
☐ Clear Pathways  Remove clutter or furniture to provide a clear path to walk around your home. Make sure there is enough room to get around your living area	☐ Handrails Consider installing handrails in the bathtub/shower/toilet areas if needed.
safely.	☐ Unlocked Doors  While in bathroom, leave doors unlocked in case you need help.
☐ <b>Tripping Hazards</b> Secure any loose cords, electrical or telephone, anywhere on the floor. You can easily trip on these.	☐ Transportation Home  Make sure to arrange your transportation home from the
□ <b>Night Lights</b> Install and use night lights in hallways, bedrooms, bathrooms.	hospital in advance.  □ Caregiver  If you believe you will need help,
☐ Slippery Floors  Do not wax floors – this can make them slippery.	please make sure to arrange your help before your surgery.

# IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR YOUR SURGERY



Admitting Information & Ride Home - ADULT & CHILD

## **Surgery Check-in Time**

- You may receive a call 1-3 days before your surgery date to let you know what time to check in for surgery or to complete your phone pre-admission. This includes verify/update your address, phone number, health insurance and to collect any co-pays that are due at the time of service.
- If you do not receive a call by 7 p.m. the night before surgery, please call the Admitting Office at (714) 644-6650.

#### **Ride Home**

- If you are going home on the same day of your surgery/procedure, you must have a responsible adult to take you home.
- If you are staying in the hospital after your surgery/procedure, make sure to arrange your ride home from the hospital in advance.
- Please have this information with you on the day of your surgery/ procedure:
  - Name of driver:
  - Contact number:

# Member Services, Eligibility and Benefits

- Please contact Member Services at 800-464-4000 or 1-800-777-1370 (TTY 771) for the deaf, hard of hearing or speech impaired) to discuss your coverage eligibility.
- To find out more information about your co-pay, contact the financial counselors at (714) 223-3355.
- The Admitting Department may contact you to start the admitting process and to collect co-payments that are due.

# Canceling Your Surgery/ Procedure

- If you need to cancel your surgery or procedure, please call the Surgery Scheduling department at (714) 572-7030.
- If canceling after 3 p.m. the day before your surgery or procedure, immediately call the Admitting Office at (714) 644-6650.



Diet Instructions Checklist
- ADULT & CHILD

# FAILURE TO FOLLOW THESE INSTRUCTIONS MAY RESULT IN A DELAY OR CANCELLATION OF YOUR SURGERY

## IF YOU ARE A DIABETIC, DRINK WATER ONLY

Adult Diet Instructions	Child Diet Instructions
☐ At 2 hours before your check-in time, drink 12 ounces of a carbohydrate rich drink. Finish drinking it within 15 minutes. Drink any of the following carbohydrate rich drinks:	<ul> <li>You may give your child formula or milk, up until 6 hours before check-in time.</li> </ul>
	If breastfeeding, you may give your infant breast milk up until 4 hours before check-in time.
~ <i>Gatorade</i> ~ <i>Apple Juice</i> (no pulp)	<ul><li>☐ Give your child clear liquids</li><li>2 hours before check-in time.</li></ul>
<ul> <li>□ DO NOT eat any solid foods after 11PM. However, you may drink the following clear liquids up until 2 hours before your check-in time:</li> <li>~ Gatorade</li> <li>~ Apple Juice (no pulp)</li> <li>~ Water</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Your child can drink the following clear liquids only:</li> <li>Gatorade</li> <li>Apple Juice (no pulp)</li> </ul>
	~ Pedialyte     ~ Water     □ <b>DO NOT</b> allow your child to eat
□ DO NOT chew gum, eat candy, or drink tea or coffee after 11PM.	any solid foods after 11PM.  DO NOT allow your child to chew
☐ <b>STOP</b> drinking alcohol 2 days	gum or eat candy/gummies after

# Preparing the Skin Checklist

- ADULT & CHILD



If your surgeon has provided you with skin prep cloths, please review the "Preparing the Skin Checklist." These cloths contain an antiseptic called Chlorhexidine Gluconate (CHG), which will clean your skin before surgery and help prevent infection at the surgical site.

## **Important Information**

- For **pediatric patients**, <u>please consult with your surgeon</u> for skin prep instructions.
- You will do this skin cleaning the night before and the morning of surgery.
- **DO NOT** let the cloth touch your eyes, ears, mouth, genital and rectal areas and colostomy, if you have one.
- DO NOT flush the cloths down the toilet as they will clog pipes.
- DO NOT shave any areas of the body below the neck, at least 7 days before surgery.
- **DO NOT** microwave cloths. Closed packages containing cloths may be warmed by soaking in warm water.
- DO NOT rinse or use any lotions, powders, deodorant or make-up after preparing skin.
- Use the cloths on cool, dry skin.

### **Directions on How to Use the CHG Cloths**

- Take a shower. Let your skin dry completely. Then use cloths.
- Each package contains 2 CHG cloths. Open all three packets of CHG.
- Gently wipe each body area very well with a back and forth motion. Use one cloth for each body area (see diagram on next page).
- USE ALL 6 CLOTHS.
- It is normal for the skin to have a temporary "tacky" or "sticky" or mildly itchy feel for several minutes after you use the cloths.
- After using the cloths, allow area to air dry for one minute. Do not rinse.
- Dress in clean clothes or sleepwear.



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and clean down, toward midback, and then start at each

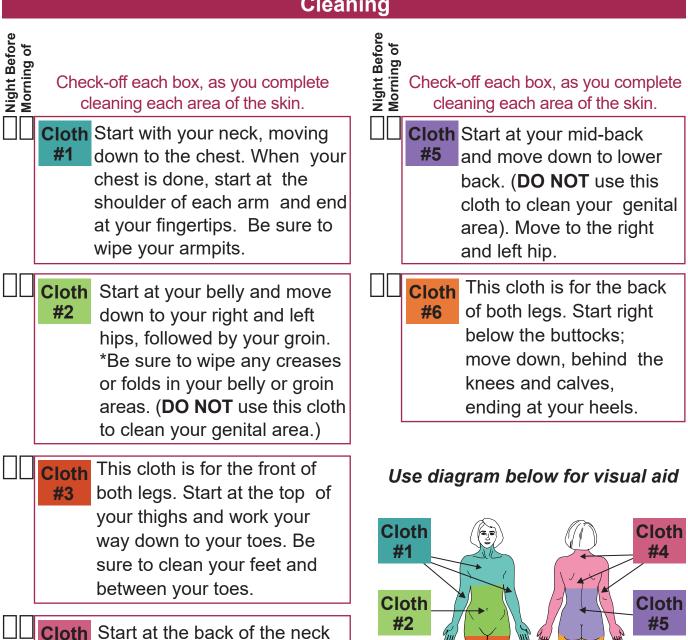
back side of the shoulder and

clean down to hands.

# **BEFORE SURGERY**

✓ Preparing the Skin Checklist - ADULT & CHILD

## Cleaning



Cloth

Cloth

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## Pain Management - ADULT & CHILD



When recovering from surgery, you may experience pain, but there are ways to manage your discomfort. **Being prepared helps put you in control.** 

#### **Ask Questions**

Ask your doctor or nurse what to expect after surgery. You may want to write down your questions before you meet with your doctor or nurse.

- Will there be much pain after surgery?
- Where will the pain occur?
- How long will the pain last?
- What are the side effects?

## **Discuss Your Options**

Tell your doctor or nurse about:

- Pain control methods that have worked well or did not work well for you before.
- Concerns you have about pain medicine.
- Allergies to medicines.
- Medicines you take for other health problems. The doctors and nurses need to know because mixing some drugs with certain pain medicines can cause problems.

#### There are many ways to control your pain that do not involve medicine:

- Relaxation or deep breathing.
- Visualization think positive, healing thoughts.
- Distraction watch TV, listen to music, read.
- Adjusting your body position.



## What To Bring/Wear - ADULT

We advise that you DO NOT bring any large amount of cash or valuables such as electronic devices and jewelry. We are not responsible for the loss of your personal items. If someone accompanies you on the day of your surgery/procedure, they may be given your valuable items to hold.

### What To Bring/Wear

- Kaiser Permanente card
- Photo ID (Driver's license, passport, government issued identification card)
- The name of the person who will drive you home and their phone number
- The name of your caregiver
- Credit card, debit card, enough cash or a check to make any co-payments that may be due the day of your surgery/ procedure
- A copy of your completed Advance Directive
- Please wear comfortable clothes that can be changed easily

#### What NOT To Bring/Wear

- Any jewelry (including body piercings)
- Extra or large amount of cash
- Face lotion (moisturizer, sunscreen, etc.)
- Cologne/Perfume
- If you wear contact lenses, glasses, dentures or hearing aids, you may bring them. Please make sure to bring their protective case and be prepared to remove them before surgery.
- Body lotion
- Hairpins
- Deodorant
- Makeup
- Hair products (gel, mousse, oil, hairspray, etc.) <u>These items</u> could be flammable.

## What To Bring/Wear - CHILD



A parent or legal guardian <u>must accompany</u> your child to the hospital. We advise that you DO NOT bring any valuables such as electronic devices and jewelry. We are not responsible for the loss of your child's personal items. If someone, other than yourself accompanies your child on the day of their surgery/procedure, they may be given their valuable items to hold.

#### What To Bring/Wear

- Your child's Kaiser Permanente card
- If your child wears contact lenses, eyeglasses, or hearing aids, you may bring them. Please make sure to bring their protective case and be prepared to remove them before surgery
- You may bring any comforting items (toys, books, blankets) to soothe your child before surgery
- Please have them wear comfortable clothes that can be changed easily

## What NOT To Bring/Wear

- Any jewelry (including body piercings)
- Face lotion (moisturizer, sunscreen, etc.)
- Body lotion
- Hairpins
- Hair products (gel, mousse, oil, hairspray, etc.)
   These items could be flammable.

A parent or guardian will need to be with the child having surgery. We ask that you do not bring additional children under the age of 12 unless there is another adult to care for them.



# AFTER SURGERY Pain Management - ADULT

### If You Are Going Home the Same Day of Your Surgery

- You will be in the recovery room, and you will be sent home directly from the recovery room.
- Take the pain medicine as instructed by your doctor.

## If You Are to Stay in the Hospital After Your Surgery

#### Ask for Pain Medicine When Pain Begins

- Take action as soon as the pain starts. It is harder to ease pain once it has taken hold. This is a key step in pain control.
- If you know your pain will worsen when you start walking or doing breathing exercises, take your medicine first.

#### **Persistent Pain**

- Tell your doctor or nurse about pain that does not go away after medicine is given.
- Don't hesitate to speak up about your pain! The doctors and nurses want and need to know about it.

### **Measuring Pain - Adults**

- The doctors and nurses may ask you to rate your pain on a scale of 0-10.
- Reporting your pain as a number helps the doctors and nurses know how well your treatment is working and whether to make any changes.

## Pain Management - CHILD



## If Your Child Will Be Staying in the Hospital After Surgery

#### Pain Experience

• Pain can be hard for a child to describe. It is expressed and experienced differently among age groups, cultures, and genders. An older child may be able to describe how the pain feels or tell you whether the pain comes and goes. While a toddler may say he or she is not feeling well. When someone is experiencing a great deal of pain it may be possible to control and reduce the pain to an acceptable level. However, it may be impossible to eliminate the pain completely.

#### What Might Pain Look Like in Your Child?

- Changes in usual behavior; your child may eat less, become fussy or restless, and have less interaction and talking with others.
- Inconsolable crying, grunting, or breath holding.
- Facial expressions; such as furrowed brow, a wrinkled forehead, closed eyes, or an angry appearance.
- Sleep changes; such as waking often or sleeping more or less than usual. Even children in severe pain may take short naps because they are so tired.
- Body movements; such as making fists, protecting a part of the body (especially while walking), kicking, or clinging to whoever holds him or her, or not moving.

#### **Acceptable Level of Pain**

When your nurse or other members of the health care team asks what your child's
 "acceptable level of pain", they are trying to determine at what point your child
 would like to start receiving pain medicines, because different medicines are
 designed to treat different levels of pain.

## **Reporting Pain and Discomfort**

• When your child is experiencing pain, it is important to let your health care provider know right away. It is more effective to give pain medicines sooner, rather than waiting until the pain is severe and unbearable.



## Pain Management - CHILD

#### **How Do We Measure Pain?**

- In addition to words your child may use to describe their pain, we also look at vital signs (heart rate, breathing rate, etc.) and bodily expressions. We use three pain scales:
  - 1) Wong-Baker FACES Pain Scale (see image below)
  - 2) Numberic Pain Scale (0-10)
  - 3) "FLACC" Pain Scale
- For younger patient who are unable to speak or are unable to relate pain intensity to numbers; the FACES scale is a suitable choice. The doctors and nurses may ask your child to rate their pain on a scale of 0-10. (image below)
- Reporting pain as a number helps the doctors and nurses know how well their treatment is working and whether to make any changes.

#### Wong-Baker FACES™ Pain Rating Scale



#### How Do We Reduce Your Child's Pain?

We encourage all caregivers to be involved in addressing their loved one's pain.
 We understand that pain is not just physical and have a team dedicated to addressing your needs here in the hospital; Child Life Specialists, Medical Social Workers, Nurses Physicians, Chaplains, and volunteer groups. We take the "3Ps" approach (Physical, Psychological, and Pharmacological) in ensuring that your child's comfort level is met.

#### Remember?

- We encourage you and/or your child to share your pain level with your care team.
- You have a right to ask for pain medicine.

## Recovery at Home - ADULT & CHILD



## Within 12 Hours After Surgery

- Sit up in bed to help prevent pneumonia.
- Begin to eat and drink to give you energy to heal.
- Eat meals in a chair.
- Wash your hands regularly.
- Brush your teeth.
- Walk or stay active. Moving helps your body recovery.
- The best way to help prevent blood clots and pneumonia is by being active and walking when possible.

## **Routine Nonurgent Care**

Refer to the information below. Email your doctor via kp.org, speak with your surgeon, call your clinic during the day or 1-888-988-2800 after hours, if needed.

## These are common symptoms after surgery:

#### Pain

It is normal to have some pain until your body heals. It may take days to weeks
for the pain to fully resolve. Follow your doctor's pain medicine recommendations.
Medicines like Tylenol and Motrin help decrease the amount of narcotic pain
medicines needed.

#### Constipation

• Your pain medicines may cause constipation. Drink plenty of fluids, eat foods high in fiber, and take stool softeners to prevent constipation.

#### **Drowsiness and Dizziness**

• It is normal to feel drowsy and dizzy after surgery. There's no need to worry, but be careful when getting up.

#### **Nausea and Vomiting**

• You may feel nauseous and may even vomit. Taking your pain medicines with food may help. If you can't keep water down, call 1-888-988-2800.



## Recovery at Home - ADULT & CHILD

#### **Difficulty Urinating**

- If you have difficulty urinating and have the urge to urinate, try to urinate several times. Seek medical attention by calling 1-888-988-2800 if you cannot urinate and experience any of the following:
  - ~ Bladder fullness or heaviness
- ~ Discomfort or pain when urinating
- ~ A sense of urgency (immediate feeling of needing to urinate)
- ~ Urinating frequently in small amounts and do not feel that you have emptied your bladder.

#### **Urgent Care**

Call 1-888-988-2800 for advice. If you have an urgent care need, we can direct you to the appropriate facility or assist you in scheduling a same-day or next day appointment.

# A complication that requires prompt medical attention but is not an emergency medical condition.

- Fever over 101.5° F for adults or fever over 100.4° F for children
- Bright red blood that won't stop (some oozing of blood is normal)
- Signs of a blood clot:
  - ~ Pain or redness in your calf, back of knee, thigh, or groin
- Stitches are loose
- Open incision
- Difficulty urinating
- Signs of infections:
  - ~ Pain, swelling, warmth or redness ~ Red streaks from the incision
  - ~ Pus draining from the incision
- ~ Swollen lymph nodes

### **Emergency Care**

Call 911 for emergency care.

#### A medical condition that requires immediate medical attention.

- Lose consciousness (pass out)
- Severe trouble breathing

Severe chest pain

Severe bleeding



# Frequently Asked Questions - ADULT & CHILD



## Q. Why is it important to drink a carbohydrate beverage before surgery?

A. The carbohydrate drink gives you the energy you need during surgery and to start healing afterward. You'll also feel less hungry and thirsty.

#### Q. Why eat and drink soon after surgery?

A. Food provides you with energy to help you heal and recover faster.

### Q. Why should I sit up and walk soon after surgery?

A. Moving can prevent blood clots and pneumonia to help you feel better. If you are recovering in the hospital, we'll help you sit up in a chair for meals and walk short distances. If you are recovering at home, sit up in a chair for meals and get up and walk from time to time.

#### Q. Do I need to take my pain medicine, even if I'm not in pain?

A. Yes, for the first few days after surgery, take the medicine as directed by your doctor so you can stay ahead of the pain, move around, and heal faster. It's harder to manage pain when you miss a dose. If you need to take opioid medicine, also take medicine prescribed for constipation.

### Q. Why do I need help at home after surgery?

A. Even if you usually take care of everything on your own, you may need help at home to safely recover. Your helper can assist with meals, medicine, driving, and other daily activities.

#### Q. Why do I need to quit tobacco?

A. Smoking slows healing and increases the risk of complications. Quitting before surgery can make a big difference. We offer counseling and medicine to help you quit. Call 1-866-862-4295 for Wellness Coaching by Phone or visit kp.org/centerforhealthyliving to get more information. For our free online quit smoking program, Breathe, visit kp.org/healthylifestyle.



#### **Irvine Medical Center**

# **NOTES**

# Questions & Notes You May Have
