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- You will need a driver to and from the surgical center. You will also need someone to watch over you for the rest of the day because the effects of the anesthesia can last up to 24 hours. Some surgeries may require a short hospital stay to evaluate status.
- **For your surgery you will be required to stop eating and drinking after midnight.**
- Please wear comfortable clothing and remove all jewelry and make-up.
- Once you arrive to the surgery department, they will get you checked in and settled into a holding area where they will have you put a patient gown on. If you are a woman of childbearing age you will have a pregnancy test at this time.

Guidelines for IV initiation:

* If you are 10 years of age, or younger, **AND** under 100 pounds, the IV will be placed **AFTER** mask anesthesia is administered.

* If you are under 10 years of age, **BUT** over 100 pounds, the IV will be placed while you are **STILL AWAKE**.

* If you are 11 years of age or older, **regardless of weight**, the IV will be placed while you are still awake.

* **Exceptions to these guidelines may be considered by the anesthesiologist on the day of your surgery. The IV will be how you receive fluids and your anesthesia.**

- Family members can be in the holding area up until the patient goes to the operating room, at which time they will be asked to return to the waiting room. Once the patient's procedure is completed, he/she will be taken to a recovery area where a nurse will closely monitor vital signs.
- The amount of time spent in recover varies from patient to patient. If you are having a tonsillectomy, expect to be in recovery for 3 hours so the staff can monitor ability to swallow and post operative bleeding risk.
- We have scheduled a post operative appointment. It is very important that you attend this appointment for us to evaluate your healing. A nurse will call you the day after your surgery to make sure you are feeling well and to address if you have any questions or concerns.
- If you have any questions or concerns during your recovery period, please do not hesitate to call **our office: 309-585-0370**. Nursing staff is available Monday through Friday, 7:00 am to 5:00 pm in clinic.

If patient is a child still in diapers/pull ups please take your own to the surgery center. If patient takes a bottle or sippy cup please also bring one for after the procedure as the surgery center does not supply these items either.