

RECOVERY

While you are having your procedure our staff will attempt to inform your family of your wellbeing. After surgery you will be taken to the post-anesthesia care unit for observation. Our surgeon will be speaking to the appropriate family members after surgery regarding your procedure, prior to your arrival in post-op. Your surgeon will speak to you about your procedure, but due to the effects of some types of medication, you may not remember having the conversation.

When you are stable you will be transferred to your private recovery room; where you will be reunited with your family.

Home instructions will be given to you prior to your procedure. The preop and postop nurse will go over them with you and will provide a printed sheet with the instructions for review at home. We go over information multiple times in order for you to better understand. Medications given during surgery frequently cause people to have unclear memories and we want you to be as informed as possible. It is also important to have a responsible adult available to hear the discharge instructions in order to clarify information at home as needed. You will receive a courtesy call from our center to see how you are recovering. If you have any needs or concerns, please contact your physician.

CALL 911 OR OTHER EMERGENCY SERVICES

IF YOU HAVE ANY OF THE FOLLOWING SYMPTOMS

Signs of Shock (*confusion, loss of consciousness*)

Severe Pain, Sweating or Pale Skin

Shortness of Breath with a rapid heartbeat.
These may be symptoms of a pulmonary embolism

An increase in leg swelling. This may be a sign of deep vein thrombosis, a condition that can be very serious if not treated

Moderate to severe difficulty breathing

CALL YOUR SURGEON

IF YOU HAVE ANY OF THE FOLLOWING SYMPTOMS

Nausea and vomiting. If you aren't able to keep fluids down, you may become dehydrated

Difficulty swallowing

Pain that doesn't go away after you take your pain medicine

A temperature higher than 101°F (38°C)

A rash

Difficulty urinating or having a bowel movement

Loose stitches or an open surgical wound

Pus draining from your wound or red streaks
