

Surgical Center Pre-Procedure Instructions & Information

Changes due to COVID-19

Patient Check-In – Access to the building is restricted to patients only and entrance doors will be locked at all times. A staff member will greet each patient and perform a viral symptom screening and temperature check. Once cleared, patients will then be taken to the check-in desk.

Alberty Surgical Center – Staff seated at the front desk will see you through the glass door and will assist you as soon as they are able.

Downtown Surgery Center – Please call the surgery center directly at (503) 221-2196 and a staff member will come to the first floor as soon as they are available.

Patient Discharge & Minor Children – At this time, we are not allowing any family members or drivers to wait in the lobby while the patient is receiving care. Some exceptions may apply for minor patients, patients who are unable to make medical decisions on their own, and patients needing interpreting services.

Lab Work – All patients must be tested for COVID-19 before the procedure. This will be ordered and/or scheduled during the pre-operative phone call three business days before the procedure. A negative test result is required for a patient to have their procedure done. **If a test result is not received by the evening before the procedure, the patient will be asked to reschedule their procedure for another date.**

Precautions we are taking – The safety of our patients, staff, and providers is our number one priority. We have made the following adjustments to our workflows to ensure everyone's safety at all times.

- All staff check their temperature every day and wear a mask while in the building.
- All patients will be asked screening questions during the pre-operative phone call.
- Upon arrival, everyone will be required to answer the screening questions again, have their temperature checked, wash their hands with hand sanitizer, and wear a face mask.
- All patients will be tested for COVID-19. **The results need to be received from the lab the evening before the procedure date.**
- **All patients must self-isolate between testing and checking in.**
 - What does self-isolation mean?
 - Please go directly home after you are tested for COVID-19 and do not leave until you check-in for your procedure.
 - Ensure others around you are doing their best to keep you safe from contracting COVID-19. They can do this by cleaning their hands frequently, wearing a mask in public and social distancing (staying at least 6 feet apart from others).
 - Refrain from contact with others outside of your immediate family or housemates.
- We are limiting access to our surgery centers, including keeping our front doors locked at all times. This includes limiting family or friends from waiting in our lobbies.
- Our staff is cleaning high traffic areas throughout the day.