

VITREO RETINAL SURGEONS

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SURGERY PACKET

SURGERY DATE: _____ and TIME: _____

SURGERY TIME OF ARRIVAL: _____

Go to ALL SAINTS SURGICAL CENTER on the Oak Hill Hospital Campus, in Brooksville, Florida. The Surgical Center is the one-story building to the right of the hospital and the phone number is (352) 597-3060.

ONE DAY POST-OPERATIVE APPOINTMENT is at Vitreo Retinal Surgeons Brooksville Office: _____

****PLEASE READ AND FOLLOW THESE DIRECTIONS CAREFULLY:**

- 1. PLEASE HAVE CLEARANCE TO STOP COUMADIN, PLAVIX, OR ANY OTHER BLOOD THINNER FAXED TO DR. WARD THREE (3) DAYS BEFORE THE SURGERY. Clearance is not needed to stop aspirin. The Office Fax Number is (352) 596-0520.**
- 2. PLEASE DO NOT EAT OR DRINK PAST MIDNIGHT THE NIGHT BEFORE SURGERY. DO NOT EAT OR DRINK IN THE MORNING BEFORE SURGERY.**
- 3. PLEASE TAKE YOUR BLOOD PRESSURE AND HEART MEDICATION WITH A SMALL AMOUNT OF WATER THE MORNING OF SURGERY.**
- 4. FILL THE TWO EYE DROP PRESCRIPTIONS BEFORE SURGERY. DO NOT USE THE DROPS. BRING THE DROPS WITH YOU TO YOUR ONE DAY POST-OP APPOINTMENT.**

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SURGICAL CLEARANCE FORM

Dear Doctor,

We greatly appreciate your attention to this form. Dr. Ward is planning to perform a Retinal Surgery on your patient.

PATIENT NAME: _____

DATE OF BIRTH: _____

DIAGNOSIS: _____

PROCEDURE DATE: _____

ANESTHESIA: _____

BLOOD THINNER: _____

In your opinion, is the Patient a satisfactory anesthesia and surgical risk?

YES / NO

Can Patient discontinue blood thinners prior to surgery? **YES / NO**

Doctor's signature: _____ Date: _____

PLEASE FAX TO VITREO RETINAL SURGEONS (352) 596-0520

Thank you

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ALL SAINTS SURGERY CENTER INFORMATION

All Saints Surgery Center is located at the east end of the Oak Hill Hospital campus. Prior to your scheduled surgery, a Pre-operative Screening nurse will call you to go over important preoperative instructions, take your medical history, and answer any questions you may have. You will see your anesthesiologist on the day of surgery shortly after you arrive.

Careful attention to the following instructions will help ensure comfort and reduce the possibility of complications.

- **DO NOT EAT OR DRINK ANYTHING** including water, chewing gum, or mints, after midnight the day preceding surgery. Undigested food in the stomach can cause complications and your surgery is likely to be postponed if you forget.
- **BATHE OR SHOWER** and brush your teeth (taking care not to swallow any water) the morning of surgery.
- **LEAVE JEWELRY AND OTHER VALUABLES** at home. You will be asked to remove contact lenses, dentures, or other prosthetics when you dress for surgery.
- **ALCOHOL AND TOBACCO** is best avoided one to two days prior to your surgery.
- **IF YOU SUSPECT THAT YOU ARE PREGNANT**, please notify your surgeon. Anesthesia and medications are harmful to the developing fetus.
- **IF YOUR CONDITION CHANGES** before surgery, notify your surgeon or ALL SAINTS SURGERY CENTER. This may include catching a cold, exposure to communicable disease, or any other changes in your health.
- **ARRANGE FOR AN ADULT TO BE AT THE SURGERY CENTER TO DRIVE YOU**, as you cannot drive yourself home after surgery. Anesthesia and medications will slow your reflexes and make you feel drowsy. Driving would be dangerous, so you must have a ride home. You should also arrange to have someone stay with you for the first 24 hours following surgery.

ALL SAINTS SURGERY CENTER INFORMATION (CONT'D)

- BRING ALL INSURANCE MATERIALS.** These include insurance identification cards, any forms, and photo identification. You should be prepared to pay any deductible and coinsurance on the day of surgery. The business office will contact you prior to surgery to notify of the amount of insurance benefits estimated and your share of expenses.
- The fee for the center includes a basic medical history, routine equipment and supplies, routine drugs and anesthetics administered while in the center. Also included are operating room time and recovery room services. This does not include the cost for the Surgeon or Anesthesiologist.

AFTER SURGERY INFORMATION:

After surgery, you will be moved to a fully equipped recovery room, where you will remain under close observation by the anesthesiologist and the recovery room nurses until you are ready to go home. Although the length of stay post-operatively varies according to the type of procedure and your surgeon's instructions, most patients are discharged 1-2 hours after surgery.

- Take it easy, plan to go home and rest the remainder of the day.
- Plan to have someone stay with you for the first 24 hours.