

# Preparing For Your Procedure or Surgery at Weiss Memorial Hospital



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## Welcome to Weiss Memorial Hospital

We appreciate you choosing Weiss Memorial Hospital for your surgery or procedure. Weiss is committed to providing all patients with the highest quality care. Our surgeons at Weiss have extensive experience and in-depth expertise in the surgical procedures they perform. Whether your surgery is simple or complex, inpatient or outpatient, you can be certain you are in excellent hands.

The guidelines that follow will prepare you for what to expect the day of your surgery to provide a safer and more comfortable experience. Please be sure to follow them carefully, unless your surgeon directs you otherwise. If you have any questions, please contact us at 773-564-5857.

## Preparing for Your Procedure

### Pre-Admission Testing

Please arrange to have your pre-operative testing done by your primary care physician. If you do not have a primary care physician, your surgeon or Weiss can refer you to a Weiss hospitalist. Your surgeon will provide you with an order for the diagnostic tests required for your procedure. PLEASE NOTE: If testing is not completed prior to the day of your procedure, your surgery may be rescheduled.

### Pre-Procedural Phone Call/Confirmation

A nurse will call you to review your health history and instructions for pre-procedural preparation, including time of arrival. If you have any questions, please call our nurse at 773-564-5857.

### Pre-Register for Your Procedure

Call our pre-registration department at least 2 business days prior to your procedure to register for your procedure. Please call 773-564-7552 and have the following information ready when you call: your contact information (name, address, telephone), social security number, and health insurance information. Your surgeon's office will pre-certify your procedure and verify your benefits. It is recommended that you contact your insurance company and understand your benefits and precertification requirements. You will be expected to meet your financial obligations prior to surgery (co-pay, co-insurance, deductible).

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### What to Bring

- ❖ A written list of the medications you are taking, the dosages, and frequency with which you take these medications
- ❖ Photo ID (driver's license or state ID)
- ❖ Insurance card and information
- ❖ Names and phone numbers of family or friends to contact in case of an emergency
- ❖ Comfortable clothes to wear home
- ❖ Copy of advance directives (if you have)
- ❖ A family member or responsible adult, who will need to be available to take you home for all outpatient same-day procedures. You will not be able to drive the same day of your procedure.



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### Pre-Procedural Instructions

- ❖ Do not eat or drink after midnight the evening before your procedure (this includes gum, candy, mints). You may brush your teeth and rinse your mouth the morning of surgery as long as you do not swallow. If you eat or drink anything after midnight, your surgery may be delayed, postponed, or rescheduled.
- ❖ Do not smoke or drink alcohol after midnight before your surgery.
- ❖ Several weeks before surgery, ask your surgeon if you should stop taking any of your medications. Common medication might include NSAID, ASA Metformin, Immuno suppressant C Hormones.

### Cancellations

If you need to cancel your surgery, please call your doctor's office first. If you are feeling ill the morning of the surgery, please notify the surgery scheduling office so that we can determine if your operation should be rescheduled. The surgical scheduling office phone number is 773-564-5933 and is open from 6 :00 a.m. until 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.



## Day of Procedure

### Check-in for Your Procedure

On the day of surgery, please stop in Admitting located on the first floor by the main entrance of the hospital. After checking in with admitting, you will be directed to the second floor reception desk where, you will check in with our specialized surgical staff and be given instructions on next steps.

### Pre-procedural Preparation

Once in the pre-procedural area, the nurse will provide you with a garment bag to store your belongings in a locked room. We strongly recommend that you leave your valuables at home. Weiss will not be responsible for lost or stolen items.

You will be oriented and prepared for your procedure. An anesthesia care provider will complete an assessment and answer any questions you may have. Your surgeon will see you in the pre-procedural area to answer any questions, obtain your consent for surgery and to mark your surgical site. You will then be taken back to the operating room.



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### Post-procedural Recovery

When your procedure is complete, the Weiss team will bring you to the recovery room to be observed. Recovery times vary depending on the type of surgery and anesthetic you received, but generally this process takes 1-2 hours.

Upon discharge, your nurse will give you a pain medicine prescription and guidelines on incision care, diet, activity restrictions, when to call the doctor, and follow-up appointments.

### Patient and Family Waiting Room

Family members may wait in the family waiting area, which is located on the second floor, near the A elevators. Television, a soft drink vending machine, a snack vending machine, coffee, and Wi-Fi access are available. Cell phones may be used in the family reception area, but please be respectful of others.

Specialized Surgical staff will provide updates to your family members and assist them while at Weiss. Family members will receive update phone calls from the surgical team.

### After Your Procedure

Your surgeon will speak to your family in the consultation room. Your family may see you once you return to the pre-procedural area or are taken to an inpatient room.

## Getting to Weiss

Located at 4646 N. Marine Drive, Chicago, IL

### Parking

For your convenience, valet parking is available at the main entrance of the hospital on Marine Drive between Wilson and Leland for a \$6 fee. The valet fee is waived for those patients who have a handicap placard. There is also a parking facility behind the hospital located on Clarendon, which is charged on an hourly rate basis. If you choose to use the parking facility, stop at the hospital's front desk for a \$2 discount validation.

### Public Transportation

The hospital's location provides easy access to and from public transportation with buses that stop in front of the hospital. The Wilson and Lawrence train stations on the Chicago Transit Authority (CTA) Red Line are only four blocks from the hospital.

### Senior Ride

We provided a \$2 curb-to-curb service for those 60 years or older living in the service boundaries. Please call 708-763-743, 24-hours in advance to make a reservation. The bus is available Monday through Friday from 7:00 a.m. until 4:30 p.m.

#### Service Boundaries —

North: Howard St., South: Cermak Rd., East: Lake Michigan, West: Pulaski Rd.

