

MONTGOMERY SURGERY CENTER

PATIENT RESPONSIBILITIES

The care a patient receives depends partially on the patient. Therefore, in addition to these rights, a patient has certain responsibilities as well. These responsibilities are presented to you, the patient, in the spirit of mutual trust and respect.

- The patient must provide accurate and complete health information concerning present complaints, past medical history, reporting any unexpected changes to the appropriate practitioner(s). Let staff know if you have developed a sore throat, cough, cold or fever prior to surgery.
- The patient is responsible for making it known whether he/she clearly comprehends the course of medical treatment and what is expected of him/her.

Make sure to have a responsible adult available to transport you home after your procedure. This person must be available **at all times during your stay** either by phone or directly at the center.



- The patient is responsible for following the treatment plan established by the physician, including the instructions of nurses and other health professionals.
- The patient is responsible for his/her actions should he/she refuse treatment or not follow his/her physician's orders.
- The patient is responsible for following facility policies and procedures.



Do not use any make-up, perfume, powders, lotions, aftershave, or cologne on the day of surgery. Also wear **no jewelry** (earrings, necklaces, rings, or watches) - leave them at home. We will not be responsible for lost or stolen items.



- Do not smoke after midnight the night before surgery.
- Contact lenses should not be worn the day of surgery. Wear your glasses.



It is best if you wear a **short sleeve shirt** which is loose around the neck (such as a v-neck) or one that buttons down the front. Wear pants and **do not wear pantyhose**.

- Provide copies or information about any living will, medical power of attorney, or other directives that you want us to know about.



**NO FOOD
OR DRINK**

You may not have anything to eat or drink after midnight the night before your surgery unless otherwise directed by the nursing staff. If you do not comply with your pre-operative diet instructions, your surgery may need to be postponed or cancelled.

UNLESS YOUR DOCTOR TELLS YOU OTHERWISE:

- **Continue all other medications, including cardiac pills and blood pressure medications, etc.** These can be taken with a sip of water the morning of surgery.
- If you are **DIABETIC** – please talk to your endocrinologist or primary about managing your blood sugars for surgery. You may need to stop some medications.
- The patient is responsible for being respectful to and considerate of the rights of other patients and facility personnel as well as with their personal property.
- The patient is responsible for assuring that the financial obligations of his/her care are fulfilled as promptly as possible.
- Anesthesia and surgeon charges will be separate from the surgery center charges.
- An appointment will be made for you to be seen by your surgeon after surgery.
- The patient is responsible for keeping appointments and for notifying the facility when unable to do so.
- In the event that a condition arises that warrants emergency care or hospitalization, you will be transferred to Jefferson Lansdale Hospital
- **If you have to cancel your surgery for any reason, please call the surgery center at 215-412-9115**



If you have any questions regarding your rights or responsibilities please discuss your concerns with us.