

# Surgery: What to Expect

## Step 4: Day of Surgery

### WHERE TO GO



#### REGISTRATION

This is the beginning of your hospital visit. When you arrive on the day of your surgery, first go to Registration to check in. They will tell you where to go next.



#### SURGICAL WAITING AREA

This area is where family members can wait while you are in surgery. Your family will receive a pager so they can leave the waiting area and be notified when to return. The surgeon will meet with your family at the end of surgery.



#### SURGICAL ADMISSIONS

The Surgical Admissions area is where staff will get you ready to go into the operating or procedure room. Here, you will meet with a pre-operative nurse who will update your health history and start an IV (Intravenous fluid). If an IV is needed for a child, the pre-operative nurse and child life specialist will work with you and your child to place the IV. You will see your surgeon and also meet with a member of the anesthesia staff who will discuss your plan for anesthesia.

Prior to surgery, we will check the information on the consent form with you for accuracy.



#### IN THE OPERATING ROOM

One of the first things we do when you get to the operating room is to check your identity (name and date of birth) and confirm your procedure. The leader of your surgical team will ask you various questions and will check with all members of the team to ensure everything is ready for your surgery. This is done using a checklist, much like the ones airline pilots complete before take-off.

