



In Advance of Surgery

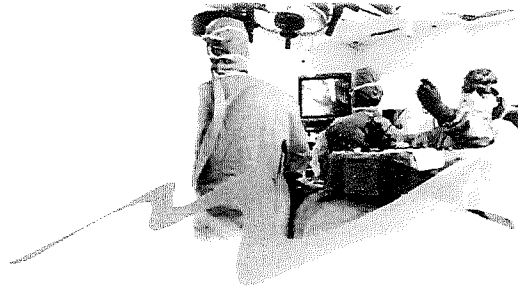
- ❑ Arrange for someone to drive you home from RiverPointe Surgery Center.
- ❑ Upon departure, a responsible adult must stay with you for 24 hours following surgery.
- ❑ If you have small children, please make sure you have made child care arrangements so that you can rest when you get home.
- ❑ A nurse will call you before surgery to obtain your health history and to inform you of your arrival time. If it is the day before surgery (Friday for Monday patients), and we have not contacted you, please call (574) 522-9505.



The Night Before Surgery

- ❑ **For your safety, do not eat or drink after midnight prior to surgery.** Eating or drinking during this time may result in your surgery being cancelled.
- ❑ If you normally take medications during this time period, check with your surgeon to see if you should take them the night before or morning before your surgery.
- ❑ If you smoke, we recommend that you refrain from doing so the day of surgery.

Preparing You for Surgery



The Morning of Surgery

- ❑ For patients under age 18, a parent or legal guardian **must** accompany the patient to sign the surgical consent.
- ❑ Legal documentation **must be presented** for the following situations: 1) Power of Attorney 2) Legal guardianship 3) Emancipated minor.
- ❑ Bring your completed insurance card/form or Medicare card and a list of current medications.
- ❑ Please bring an interpreter with you, if necessary.
- ❑ If you currently take insulin or use an inhaler, please bring these medications with you.
- ❑ **Leave jewelry and other valuables at home.**
- ❑ Shower or bathe to minimize the chance of infection.
- ❑ Do not wear make-up.
- ❑ Do bring glasses and case if you need them for reading.
- ❑ If you wear contact lenses, you may be asked to remove them before surgery. Please bring your lens supplies and glasses.
- ❑ If a child is having surgery, please make sure to bring a comforting toy, blanket, pacifier, bottle, or sip cup for after surgery.
- ❑ Wear loose, comfortable clothing to RiverPointe. You will find this especially helpful when returning home, because you will want to avoid any unnecessary pressure on sensitive surgery sites. Flat shoes and slip-on styles are best.



Special Considerations

Contact your surgeon or RiverPointe immediately if:

- ❑ You experience any change in your health before surgery, such as elevations in temperature, a rash, a cold, cough or signs of infection.
- ❑ You have recently been exposed to a communicable disease (i.e. measles, chicken pox, TB, etc...). Please contact your surgeon even if you don't yet have symptoms.
- ❑ You develop open sores or cuts.
- ❑ You are a woman of child-bearing age and suspect you may be pregnant, as anesthesia and medications can be harmful to a developing fetus.
- ❑ If it becomes medically necessary, RPSC may transfer you to another facility for continuation of care.
- ❑ If you have established advanced directives and wish these documents to be included in your chart, please bring a copy with you. RPSC will not carry out those directives, but in the event you are transferred, they will be included in the transport documentation.

After Surgery

- ❑ After surgery, when you are awake, your friend or relative may join you.
- ❑ When you are alert, you and your family member/friend will be given specific instructions for care at home and then discharged.
- ❑ After surgery, you will be prohibited from driving for a period of time that will be stated at discharge.

Insurance and Billing

A business representative from RiverPointe will contact you before surgery so we may obtain financial information and answer any questions you may have.

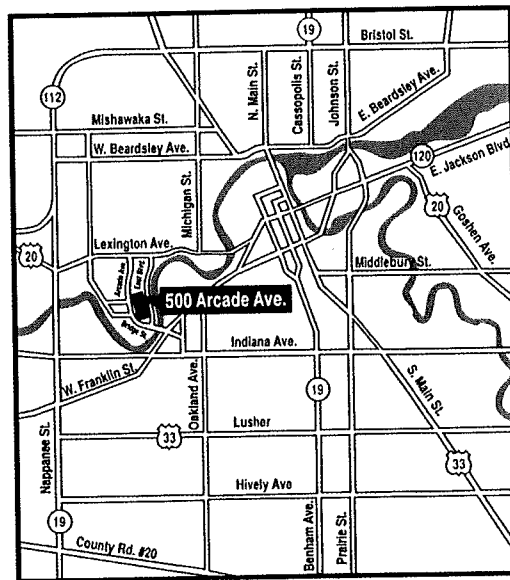
Uninsured and/or cash patients will be asked to pay on or before admission date unless other arrangements are made by calling (574) 296-6453 or (574) 296-6469.

Patients with insurance will be required to pay their co-pay prior to surgery.

Mastercard, VISA, Discover and American Express are accepted.

RiverPointe will bill your insurance for our facility fee only, as a courtesy. However, the balance due is the patient's responsibility and payment will be requested from you unless your insurance company pays within 60 days.

We recognize our obligation to remain flexible in financial matters. Financial arrangements may be made if necessary. These arrangements must be made and approved before admission.



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