

What to Expect

Our Center's convenient location, warm surroundings, and individualized attention by medical personnel specializing in Urological care assists in minimizing the stress often associated with surgery. You will be with us for a short time, allowing you to go to the comfort of your home to finish your recovery process.

What to Expect Before you arrive.

Once your procedural appointment has been scheduled by your doctor's office, we will call you to review your medical/surgical history and go over instructions pertinent to your procedure. We will need to know your Covid-19 vaccination status. We will also verify whom the person is that will bring you to the surgery center and take you home. Per Illinois law, you cannot drive yourself home or take an Uber/Lyft unless someone over the age of 18 is with you.

What to Expect after you Arrive

You will be called with an arrival time the afternoon before your surgery. Your arrival time can be up to two and half hours before your scheduled time if your surgeon orders an intravenous medication. Upon arrival, you will be greeted by a staff member, have your temperature taken and your Covid-19 status reviewed.

After this information is obtained, you will meet with one of our receptionists to review your identification and insurance information and sign all required documents, including a consent allowing us to perform the procedure. **We will also ask for the name and phone number of your driver.**

A staff member will then take you to our Pre-operative/PACU area where you will change into a surgical gown, have your temperature retaken, pulse, and blood pressure taken. The nurse will review some points of your history including allergy and NPO status. The RN will start an IV. An anesthesia provider will greet you and review your relevant anesthesia and medical history.

At this point, the surgeon will arrive, speak with you, the Operating Room RN will speak with you as well, and you will be taken for your procedure.

After surgery, you will be brought to our fully equipped recovery room (PACU) and remain here until the PACU RN's assessment deems you ready to be discharged. At this point, you will have a snack and something to drink. The RN will review your personalized home instructions with you and your driver or significant other, and assist you with dressing.

You will feel drowsy when you leave, this is very normal since you received an anesthetic. It is best to go home to recuperate fully. Some of the medications you received may cause you to forget some parts of your recovery, this is also normal.

Because you have received an anesthetic, for the first 24 hours after surgery it is recommended to postpone the following activities:

- Driving or operating equipment such as a lawnmower or snowplow
- Signing important papers such as a will
- Making significant decisions
- Drinking alcoholic beverages

Any questions you have once you leave our surgery center should be directed to your surgeon. His or her phone number will be listed on the discharge papers.