



WELCOME

The Touro Ambulatory Surgery Center (TASC) offers high quality surgical care in a convenient, full-service outpatient surgery center.

PREADMISSION

A preadmission visit or telephone interview is necessary to obtain your important medical information. During your preadmission screening, you will be interviewed by a nurse and an anesthesiologist to discuss your anesthesia plan. Your preadmission screening may also include blood and urine tests, an EKG, x-rays, or any other test your doctor requests. We will also let you know the expected length of time of your procedure so you can make transportation arrangements.

Insurance Verification and/or Payment Options
For your convenience, we verify insurance coverage or other payment options in advance. We also gather any other information to expedite and simplify your admission for surgery. Please be prepared to present your identification and insurance cards at your preadmission visit.

DAY BEFORE SURGERY

Follow all special instructions from your doctor. Tell the TASC staff of all medications prescribed by your doctor, including any herbal supplements or over-the-counter medications you may be taking. Ask your doctor or anesthesiologist about taking medication on the day of your surgery.

Do not eat or drink after midnight the night before surgery. This includes water, gum, mints and candy. This precaution is very important and is in place to ensure your safety. Your surgery may be cancelled if you fail to follow these instructions.

Arrange transportation. An adult friend or family member must accompany you home. Patients are not permitted to leave alone after surgery.

Relax and get a good night's sleep!

DAY OF SURGERY

Arrive promptly. Arriving when scheduled will help ensure your procedure is performed on time.

Parking is provided at Central Parking Garage. Park in the Central Garage, next to the Touro Medical Office Building, 3525 Prytania Street. TASC is on the first floor. Parking is complimentary with validation, so please bring your parking ticket with you.

Bring your identification and insurance cards.

Leave all jewelry, money and other valuables at home or with a companion.

Wear comfortable clothing that is easy to take off and put on. You will wear a hospital gown before your procedure. Please do not wear makeup, jewelry, nail polish, body piercings or hair pins.

Dentures, partial plates, contact lenses and other prostheses must be removed before surgery. Please bring appropriate containers for these items.

AFTER SURGERY

After surgery, you will be taken to the recovery area. The nurse overseeing your recovery will care for you until you are released by the TASC anesthesiologist.

Your nurse will discuss post-operative instructions. Written post-operative directions and prescriptions may also be given at this time. You cannot drive, sign any legal documents or operate machinery.

Return home. You will not be discharged unless you have an adult caregiver, family or friend to accompany you home.

AT HOME

Follow your doctor's instructions about rest, medications and diet. Make yourself comfortable and remember that you may require rest for the remainder of the day.

We suggest a responsible adult (18 or older) stay with you for the first 24 hours or longer if needed.

Call your doctor if you have questions about your recovery.



SURGICAL SITE SKIN PREPARATION THE NIGHT BEFORE AND MORNING OF SURGERY

Cleanse the surgical site the day of surgery using HIBICLENS®, an antiseptic skin cleanser that prevents skin infections and reduces the risk of post-surgical infection.

Please follow these instructions:

Apply Hibiclens liberally to the surgical site and wash for at least two minutes.

- Rinse with water and pat dry with a clean towel.
- Follow this cleansing procedure the night before and the morning of your surgery.
- Avoid getting this solution in your eyes, ears, nose or mouth. Store at room temperature away from moisture or heat. Please consult a nurse if you have any questions regarding the application of this product.

IF YOU ARE HAVING CATARACT SURGERY, FOLLOW THESE ADDITIONAL INSTRUCTIONS:

- Wear a button up shirt
- Do not wear an undershirt
- Bring your eye kit, including eye drops and dark sunglasses
- Bring a completed list of medications including dose and last time taken
- Do not eat or drink after midnight the night before your surgery

PATIENT CHECKLIST

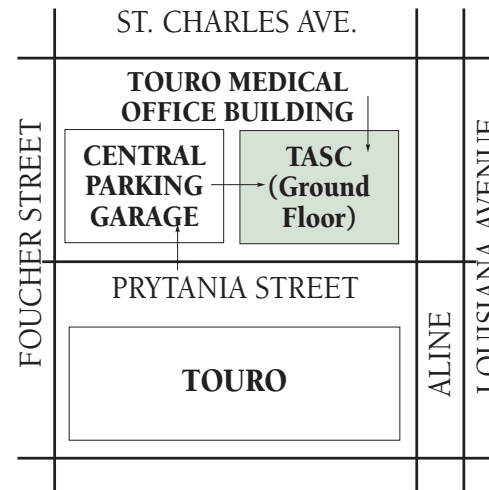
- Wear comfortable, loose clothing
- Bring identification and insurance cards
- Leave your valuables (watches, jewelry) at home
- Follow all pre-operative instructions from your doctor
- Arrange for a caregiver to take you home

Referring doctor: _____

Date of procedure: _____

Scheduled arrival time: _____

Special instructions: _____



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