

Ambulatory Surgery Unit: Patient Information

Welcome to River Hospital's Ambulatory Surgery Unit. Careful preparation and planning are required for us to provide the best possible care. Your cooperation is very important and appreciated.

Once your surgery has been scheduled, a pre-admission testing (PAT) interview is necessary to review your health history. Additionally, your Doctor may have ordered blood work, x-rays and EKG which may be performed at River Hospital.

Your PAT interview may have been scheduled by your Doctor's office. If it has not, please contact our unit at 315-482-1250.

If you develop a cold, fever, diarrhea, or other illness prior to your surgery, please tell your Doctor as soon as possible. For your safety, your surgery may need to be rescheduled.

The effects of anesthesia take time to wear off and for this reason you must not drive a vehicle, operate machinery, sign legal documents, or make important decisions for 24 hours following surgery.

Arrival:

Please be on-time. You will be called 1 to 2 days prior to your surgery date with an arrival time for the day of surgery. If you have not been informed of an arrival time by 3:00pm the day before your surgery (or Friday if your surgery is Monday), please call us at 315-482-1250.

All patients under the age of 18 must be accompanied by a parent or guardian.

Visitors:

No more than two visitors may accompany you to the waiting room on the day of surgery.

Children will not be allowed in the waiting room or in the Ambulatory Surgery Unit unless they, themselves, are having surgery.

Only one visitor will be allowed, with nurse's approval, to visit the patient in the Ambulatory Surgery Unit at one time.

Discharge:

You must arrange for a responsible adult to drive you home from your procedure. We will not begin your procedure until these arrangements have been made.