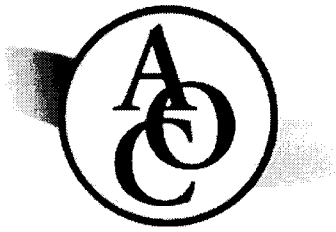


**Athens Orthopedic Clinic**  
**Ambulatory surgery center (Mulherin surgery center)**

**Surgical Patient Information**

**For Your Information:**

- The Surgery Center is located at 1765 Old West Broad Street Building 1, Suite 300
- **Our Phone number: 706-433-3296 or 706-433-3268** -please leave a voicemail if your call is not answered and your call will be returned as soon as possible
- Hours of operation at the Surgery Center are generally: 7am – 5:00pm
- If you have an ‘Advanced Directive for Healthcare’ please bring it with you so we can make a copy of it for your medical record
- The Surgery Center is routinely **Cold**, please have family members dress accordingly and *bring a jacket.*
- We have a coffee/tea machine for family members and friends, we Do Not have a vending machine
- Leave all valuables at home, you do not need to bring any type of ID with you

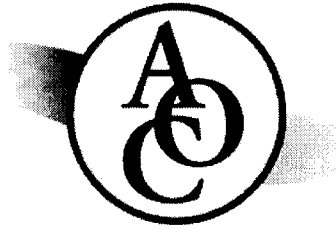


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**Before Surgery:**

- The Surgery Center staff will be calling you *the last business day prior to your surgery* to review you medications, confirm your arrival time, answer questions, and help you prepare for surgery.
- Notify us by calling 706-433-3296 or 706-433-3268 if you get sick with fever, rash, nausea, vomiting or cold/sore throat after your pre-operative phone call
- It is your responsibility to provide an adult to drive you home from the Surgery Center *and care for you for 24 hours after surgery*. Do not plan to use public transportation.
- Please drink plenty of liquids the Day Before Surgery
- Do **NOT** eat or drink after midnight the night before your surgery unless you are instructed differently *by the Surgery Center Staff*: (this includes water, coffee, solid foods, chewing gum, candy, smoking or tobacco products) If you eat or drink anything, your surgery may be cancelled and rescheduled.
- You may be instructed to take specific Medications the morning of surgery *by the Surgery Center Staff*, if you are instructed to take anything take them with as little water as possible
- If you have been given your prescriptions have them filled prior to the day of surgery
- Please have an over the counter stool softener available to take while you are on prescription pain medications, they commonly cause constipation (Examples of stool softeners are: Docusate Sodium, Colace, Senokot)
- You will meet the Anesthesia staff that will care for you, *on* the day of surgery

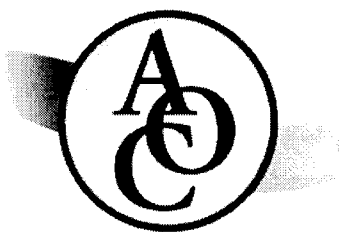


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#### **The Day of Surgery:**

- ◆ To provide the most comfort for all visitors, no more than one adult should come with you on the day of surgery
- ◆ Your family member will join you in the pre-operative area after the staff has completed the pre-operative care necessary, and your family member will return to the waiting room during your surgery and Phase I recovery
- ◆ Wear loose fitting, comfortable clothes: (oversized t-shirt or button up shirt and elastic waist pants or shorts that will be easy to put on after your surgery -remember your surgical dressing may be bulky)
- ◆ No make-up, contacts, nail polish, valuables or jewelry (this includes rings, earrings, toe rings, bracelets, necklaces, facial, body and tongue piercings, etc.)
- ◆ Female Patients: We perform a urine pregnancy test on all women who are of childbearing age on the day of surgery



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**After Surgery:**

- Immediately following surgery you will receive care from our highly trained nurses in our Phase I recovery area
- Your physician will speak with your family member in the waiting room once surgery is completed and provide information about the surgery as well as answer questions
- Once you are awake you will rest in our Phase II recovery area and the responsible adult accompanying you will be called back to sit with you until you are discharged
- Written discharge instruction and any new prescriptions will be explained and given to you before you are discharged
- If you have questions about care after your release from the surgery center you can call 706-549-1663 and ask for your provider/nurse
- If you need after hours care call 706-549-1663 and you will be connected to the answering service for AOC, the provider on call will return your call in a reasonable amount of time and provide advice/instructions