

Before Your Surgery

We have provided these pre-operative instructions online for the convenience of patients scheduled for surgery with Dr. Paul Morrison. If you are not a patient of Dr. Paul Morrison and are scheduled for surgery with another physician, please refer to the pre-operative instructions provided by your physician.

The following instructions are very important and must be followed. Otherwise your surgery may have to be cancelled. If you feel you cannot comply with any of these guidelines, please call the pre-operative nurse at the location where your surgery is scheduled. Dr. Morrison typically performs surgery at either the Evansville Surgery Center or Deaconess Women's Hospital.

Patients of Dr. Paul Morrison can also call 490-5200 during or after normal office hours.

- Please let us know if you are experiencing any of the following on the day of surgery:
 - Illness
 - Fever
 - Breaks in the skin
 - Rashes
- Do not eat or drink anything after midnight prior to the day of your surgery unless you are otherwise instructed.
- Do not drink alcoholic beverages or take recreational drugs.
- Do not take aspirin or aspirin products or herbal supplements for one week before your surgery.
- If you are taking medication for breathing, seizures, heart disease or blood pressure, take them the morning of surgery with a small sip of water. If you use inhalers, bring them with you to surgery.
- If you are diabetic, do not take any pills or insulin the morning of your procedure.
- Bathe with an antibacterial soap the evening before surgery.
- Wear comfortable, loose clothing and shoes.
- Leave all valuables including jewelry at home.
- If you wear contacts, bring your lens case.
- Make arrangements for a responsible adult to drive you on the day of surgery. At least one family member/friend should remain in the surgery facility while you are in surgery so we can speak with him or her afterwards.

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- If your surgery requires an overnight stay, make arrangements for a responsible adult to remain with you overnight. You will also want to bring a small overnight bag with personal care items.
- Any special labs, EKG or X-rays necessary for your procedure will be arranged and should be completed prior to the day of surgery.

A pre-op nurse will call before your scheduled surgery to review your health history, medications, past surgeries, allergies and other information about your current health status. If you have questions about any pre-operative instructions, they can be answered at that time.