

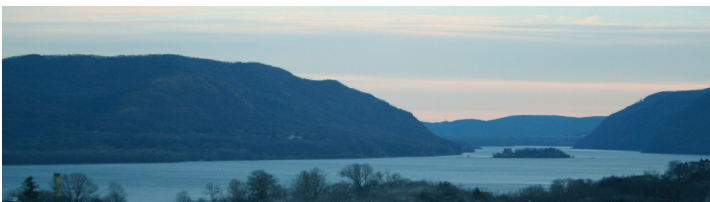
Day of Surgery: At the Hospital

- Inform your admitting nurse of any allergies, including allergy to latex.
- You will be asked to remove contact lenses, glasses, dentures, wig and prosthesis, if necessary, prior to surgery. DO wear your hearing aid.
- You will be asked by our staff what kind of surgery you are having and the part of your body on which the surgery is to be performed. Depending upon the type of surgery, a member of our health care team may mark the correct location on your body. This is called “marking the operative site” and is one of the many safety precautions we take.
- To verify your operative site, you will be asked several times before surgery what type of surgery you are having, your name and your date of birth. These questions are asked repeatedly and purposefully for your safety.
- Your surgical team will take a “timeout” just before beginning your surgery. This is for the team to ensure they are performing the correct procedure at the correct site on the correct patient. Again, this is done for your safety.



After Surgery

- You will be asked about your level of pain several times, beginning in the recovery area. Although it may not be possible to attain an absolutely pain-free state, the expectation is that your discomfort will be managed to an acceptable level. You will be asked to rate your level of pain on a scale of 0 to 10, with zero being pain free and 10 the most pain.
- About 30 minutes after you receive pain-control medication, you will again be asked to rate your pain.

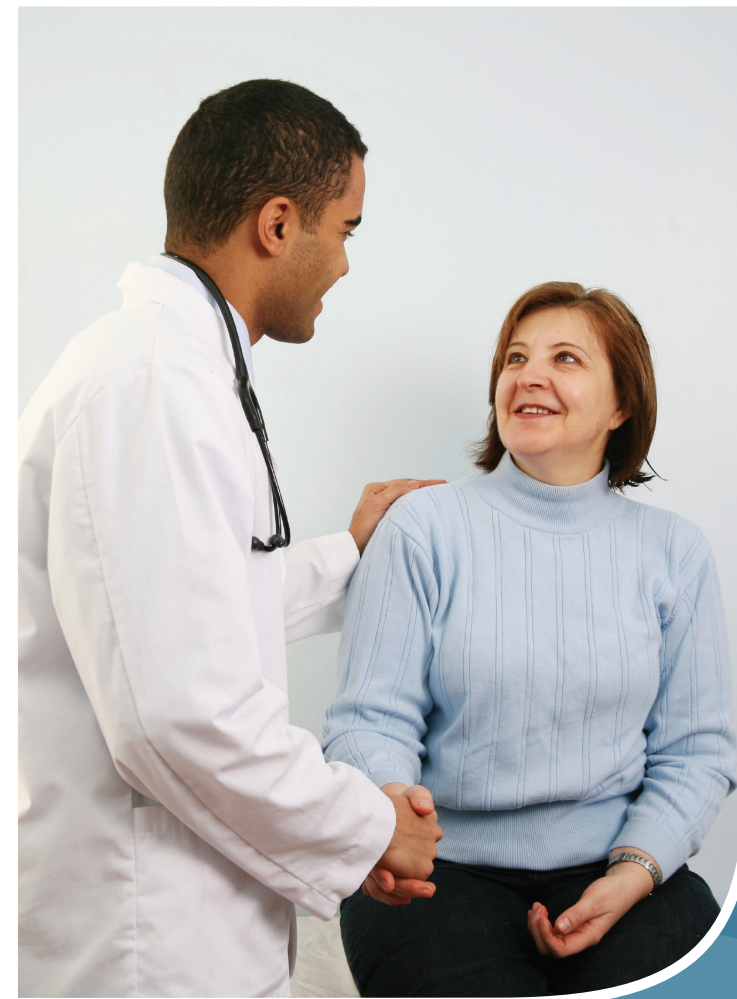


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