

Surgical Procedure Risks and Conditions of Admission

Medical Terminology: Your physician can and will explain your proposed procedure using terms which you can understand. If your physician uses medical words that are not common, ask your physician to explain them until you understand what will be done and why.

Risk of Surgery: All operations carry with them certain risks, including failure to obtain the desired result, discomfort, injury, additional therapy, bleeding, infection and in rare instances, death. You should discuss these risks and any alternatives to the procedure with your surgeon.

Unanticipated conditions: During the course of an operation conditions may be encountered other than those anticipated before the surgery. Your surgeon may be required to perform a different operation than planned because of these anticipated findings.

No guarantees: The practice of medicine and surgery is not an exact science and results cannot always be anticipated. No guarantees can be made to you concerning the course, duration or results of your surgery by your surgeon or anyone else at Mid-Atlantic Surgery Pavilion.

Notice of Policy regarding advance directives: There are many types of advance directives; the two most common forms are living wills and a durable power of attorney designation. In the Ambulatory Surgical care setting, if a patient suffers a cardiac or respiratory arrest or other life-threatening situation, the signed consent implies consent for resuscitation and transfer to a higher level of care. Therefore, in accordance with federal law, this facility is notifying you that it will not honor previously signed advance directives for any patient. The advance directive will be "suspended" throughout your entire admission to the facility. If you disagree, you must address this issue with your physician or anesthesiologist. For additional information regarding advance directives, please visit www.oag.state.md.us.

Mid-Atlantic Surgery Pavilion may need to perform a blood test for HIV on any patient during whose treatment a health care professional sustains a puncture or open wound exposure to a patient's blood or other bodily fluids. At such time, a test for Hepatitis B may also be drawn.

Transportation: You must not drive yourself to or from the Surgery Pavilion on the day of surgery. You must have a driver accompany you to the Surgery Pavilion and stay at the center throughout your admission. If required by your surgeon, a responsible adult should remain with you for 24 hours. The Surgery Pavilion will be discharging you to a responsible adult.