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*Expert Care for Brain, Spine
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WHAT TO EXPECT WHEN SCHEDULING SURGERY

THE FOLLOWING WILL NEED TO BE COMPLETED PRIOR TO SURGERY

1. CLEARANCE

If clearance is required, surgery will be scheduled once clearance is obtained or appointments for clearance are made. Patients are encouraged to contact their doctor's offices to make clearance appointments. Please contact our office to inform us when appointments are scheduled.

2. AUTHORIZATION

Authorization from your insurance is required prior to your surgery. Each insurance has a different time frame, and this may affect your scheduled date. If we do not receive authorization before your surgery, we will need to reschedule. If you have workman's comp insurance, authorization will need to be obtained prior to scheduling.

Your surgery might be scheduled and authorized as an outpatient/same day surgery, but please plan on staying overnight unless instructed by your physician or his or her staff.

Any questions about authorizations, contact Tracy P 775-789-3947

3. PRE-OPERATIVE TESTING/IMAGING

Once you are scheduled for surgery, your scheduler will set up pre-operative testing. This includes blood work, Chest X-ray, EKG, and often a urine test. This is needed to determine if you are safe to undergo anesthesia. This can be scheduled at the hospital where your surgery will be performed, or if you live out of town we can try to arrange it for you close to home. Patients do not need to fast for these tests.

Physicians often order imaging to be done before surgery. These are usually ordered to either confirm a procedure, or if prior imaging is out of date. This can potentially delay your procedure. X-rays can often be ordered with your pre op testing, but an MRI or CT

often requires authorization and scheduling. Once these studies are scheduled or completed, your surgery can be scheduled.

4. PRE-OPERATIVE APPOINTMENT

Depending on your physician, you may need a pre op appointment with either your physician or an APN/PA. Your scheduler will set this up if necessary.

5. SPEAK TO A NURSE

One of our nurses will be contacting you to go over medications and allergies. They will give you instructions on what medications are safe to take before surgery.

-**Carrie K.** 775-789-3927: Dr. Morgan & Dr. Vacca

-**Dr Demers, Dr Tolbert & Dr. Perrin**- Will go over medications at pre op appointment, or you will receive a phone call to review medications and allergies from an APN/PA

YOU WILL BE CONTACTED BY A SURGERY SCHEDULER TO SET UP YOUR SURGERY DATE ONCE THEY RECEIVE THE SURGERY ORDER AND DICTATION FROM YOUR VISIT.

-**Rochelle S.** 775-789-3931: Dr. Morgan

-**Becky T.** 775-789-3941: Dr. Vacca and Dr. Perrin

-**Jennifer B.** 775-789-3997: Dr. Demers

-**Jenna H.** 775-789-3964: Dr. Tolbert

-**Monica G.** 775-789-3965: Clinic Supervisor

-**Main Office:** 775-323-2080

****SURGERY DATES AND TIMES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE. OUR PHYSICIANS ARE ON CALL AND EMERGENCY ADD ONS OCCUR FREQUENTLY. YOU WILL BE CONTACTED THE NIGHT BEFORE TO CONFIRM YOUR SURGERY TIME****

ADDITIONAL EDUCATION

To learn more about your surgery or procedure, please check out our website, www.sierraneurosurgery.com. There are surgical animations located under the education tab at the top of the page. There are also booklets and pamphlets available in our office.