



# Admission, Surgery, Recovery, & Discharge

## **Admission**

A Registered Nurse will escort you to the surgery admission area. The nurse will review your medical history, record vital signs, and lab work, start an IV, give any pre-op medications and prep, if necessary. Someone from the Anesthesia team will interview you and prepare you for surgery. The entire admission phase normally takes 30 minutes to an hour.

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## **Operating Room**

After you leave the admission area and the procedure has started, the length of time for the operating phase will vary considerably depending on the procedure being performed. The physician will inform your family member or designated person when the surgery is complete.

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## **Recovery**

The recovery room nurse will monitor you for 15 minutes up to 2-3 hours, depending on the surgery. The nurse will inform your family member or designated person of your recovery progress.

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## **Discharge**

Once you have recovered enough to return home, the recovery nurse will explain the discharge and at home instructions you must follow, including any prescriptions. A nurse will contact you within 2-3 days following the surgery to check on your recovery and to see how you are feeling.

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The staff at Southern Surgery Center are passionate about patient care and committed to continuously improving our services to our patients. If you would please complete the Patient Satisfaction Survey when it is emailed to you it will help us provide the best possible care to all of our patients.