

What to Expect While You Are Waiting

After registration, the patient will be taken to the Pre-operative area to get ready for surgery. In the Pre-operative area, **only two adult family members/support persons** will be allowed to visit briefly when notified by the OSS Hospital staff.

You will receive a pager at registration. When the pager lights up, please start walking to the double doors to the right of the greeter's desk. An OSS Hospital staff member will meet you there and escort you to the Pre-operative area to visit the patient.

OUTPATIENT: When the patient is taken to the operating room, please return to the lobby with the pager and the patient's belongings. Upon completion of the surgical procedure, the surgeon will see you to provide a report about the patient's surgical procedure. Depending on the surgeon's preference, you may be asked to go to the consult room to meet with him/her. You will be paged again when the patient is ready to go home from recovery. Please start walking to the double doors to the right of the greeter again to meet an OSS Hospital staff member.

INPATIENT: The process will work the same as the outpatient instructions above, except that you may take the patient's belongings to their assigned room on the third floor of the OSS Hospital after they are taken to the operating room for surgery. Please return to the lobby on the second floor as you enter the hospital to wait for the surgeon. Visitation will be at the discretion of the PACU (or Post-operative) nurse. You may wait in the patient room once you have spoken with the surgeon.

Children are permitted to visit the patient in their assigned room on the third floor, however, for their safety, they will not be permitted in the pre-operative and post-operative areas.

Note: Every patient recovers differently from anesthesia. Times can vary greatly on how fast they waken.

For questions or concerns, please contact Diane Anthony, Pre- and Post-Operative Manager at 718-2054 or the inpatient charge nurse at 718-2079 or 718-2060.

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