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YOUR DAY OF SURGERY

- In the holding area you will be greeted by the nursing staff. Your clothes and personal possessions will be labeled and held by the staff during your procedure and returned to you once you are in your recovery room.
- The nursing staff will take your temperature, pulse, respiration and blood pressure.
- When you are ready for surgery, your surgical team will introduce themselves to you. These include the nurse, surgical assistant, anesthesiologist and assisting physicians.
- Each member of this group will have already viewed your medical record in light of their own role in your surgery. This is an excellent time for you to ask any last minute questions about your surgery that you may have thought of since your last visit with Dr. Galdi.
- Dr. Galdi will initial the body part to be operated on.
- An intravenous line (IV) will be started by a nurse. The IV line provides a route for fluids, medications and antibiotics as necessary and also sedatives.
- Your anesthesiologist will see you prior to surgery in order to review your physical condition and discuss anesthesia you will receive.
- Feel free to ask any questions you may have about your anesthesia.
- Regional anesthesia also known as a “nerve block” is frequently used for shoulder surgery.
- In the operating room you will be put to sleep or sedated so that you do not feel any pain nor remember the surgery.
- When surgery is complete you will move to the recovery room.
- The recovery room staff and your anesthesiologist will monitor your return to full awareness.
- Most of the patients undergoing shoulder replacement surgery will stay in the hospital for 1-2 nights after their procedure to help manage their pain and speed of their recovery.