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Patient's Name

WELCOME ... We are pleased that you have chosen Kapi'olani Medical Center for your upcoming surgery. The following pieces of information will be of great assistance to you as you plan for your stay with us.

**Important instructions for your surgical experience:**

Your surgery is scheduled on \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_ am/pm.

Your Pre-Admission Visit (PAV) is on \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_ am/pm.

\_\_\_\_\_ Please call our Admissions Department at 983-8260 to **pre-register for your surgery**. You may also register by visiting our Admission Department on the ground floor of the hospital or mailing in the registration form. Please be prepared to provide us with your insurance information.

\_\_\_\_\_ You may contact **Financial Services** at 983-8538 if you have questions regarding financial matters with your hospital stay. A review of your health plan may indicate the need for pre-certification or second surgical opinion requirements.

\_\_\_\_\_ Laboratory and diagnostic tests may be ordered by your surgeon. It is very important you complete these prior to your PAV or surgery date.

\_\_\_\_\_ Please remember to bring any forms your doctor has given you. These may be History and Physical information, doctor's orders, laboratory test results, etc. Your surgery may be delayed or cancelled without this information.

\_\_\_\_\_ Please **do not eat or drink anything** (including water) after midnight unless otherwise instructed by your doctor. Even a small amount is dangerous. Liquid or food may be vomited and inhaled into the lungs causing serious complications and may even be fatal.

\_\_\_\_\_ Ask your doctor about your current medications. You may be asked to stop taking all or some of them before your surgery. You should know whether or not you are to take your medications on the day of your surgery.

\_\_\_\_\_ Please report to the Admissions Office **2 hours before** the time of your surgery.

\_\_\_\_\_ We look forward to providing you with the best possible care. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact the Surgicenter at 983-8521.



**If you are scheduled for a Pre-Admission Visit (PAV):**

- Please report to the Admissions office 10 minutes before your scheduled appointment.
- This visit will take 1-2 hours.
  - During this visit we will provide you with a quick tour of the surgical area and a nurse will be reviewing your doctor's preoperative instructions with you.
  - An anesthesiologist may review your medical history with you and will explain the different types of anesthesia appropriate for you. Occasionally, the anesthesiologist will request an opinion from another specialist, such as a cardiologist, to help in your assessment. Very rarely, your operation may be postponed or cancelled because of the risks involved.
  - The Pre-Admission Visit staff will work with your doctor to ensure you are in the best possible physical condition before your surgery to help reduce any risks to you.
  - You will have ample opportunity to ask any questions you may have regarding anesthesia and your surgery.
- You may want to bring your spouse or anyone who will be helping you after surgery.
- It is highly suggested that you do not bring young children with you.
- If you are not scheduled for a Pre-Admission Visit and would like to have one, please let your surgeon know.
- For further information regarding your PAV please call 983-8521.