



ST GEORGE'S HOSPITAL

DAY SURGERY

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St George's Day Surgery welcomes you as a patient. Staff will do everything they can to ensure that your stay is as comfortable as possible. The length of stay will depend upon the operative procedure and the type of anaesthesia. You will need to allow approximately half a day, but your surgeon can provide further guidance.

Admission

- Your surgeon or physician will make the necessary arrangements for your admission to St George's
- You will be given an Admission Form to complete – please submit the form at least **three days** before so that your booking requirements can be processed
- Please follow your surgeon's instructions in reference to eating prior to surgery. If, for example, your surgeon states "nil by mouth from 8am" it is important that you do not eat or drink after 8am on the day of your procedure
- The surgeon and anaesthetist will see you prior to your surgery/procedure commencing
- Cardiology Day Unit patients please refer to the patient information in your Admission Folder.

Preparing for your surgery

- Please phone Day Surgery on 03 375 6010 after 8am on the day before your surgery/procedure for your admission time
- For surgery on a Monday please phone on the Friday prior
- If you are a smoker it is advisable not to smoke for at least 24 hours
- Please bath or shower the morning of your procedure/operation
- If you think you may be pregnant, you must inform your surgeon, anaesthetist and Day Surgery staff
- If you develop a cold, sore throat, or other illness between seeing your surgeon and coming to Day Surgery, please contact your surgeon for advice
- Children must be observed to ensure that they do not eat for six hours before their arrival at Day Surgery. Before this they should have clear fluids or water that can be taken up to four hours before surgery but check with Reception.

What to bring

- Please do not bring any valuables or money into the hospital. St George's cannot accept responsibility for loss of personal property
- **A printed list of current medications from either your GP or Pharmacy. This is now a mandatory requirement** (you can attach the list to your admission form, fax to us or bring it with you)
- Your current medication/s in the original packaging
- Any alternative, non prescription, herbal, or Rongoa Maori medications you are taking
- Unless otherwise advised by your surgeon or anaesthetist **DO NOT** take any Anticoagulants (Warfarin/Heparinoids) Anti-inflammatory drugs including Aspirin, Diuretics (fluid pills) on day of surgery. **PLEASE DISCUSS WITH YOUR SURGEON.**
- Bring glasses, lenses, hearing aids, or dentures if applicable
- Please dress comfortably and casually in loose fitting clothing
- Gowns are provided for your procedure
- Wear as little make-up as possible
- Children should bring pyjamas and a favourite toy.

Car parking

- Short-stay parking: Leinster Road pick up and drop off parking only (5-10 minutes). Time limited parking available on surrounding streets
- Parking is available for all visitors on-site from the Heaton St entrance
- Car park building (entrance off Heaton St) open Mondays to Fridays only
- Parking charges apply
- NO charge if you exit with 30 minutes.

After your operation/ procedure

- After your operation you will be taken to the recovery room
- When you are fully awake and comfortable, you will change back into your own clothes and relax in the post recovery lounge, prior to your discharge home. Once ready for discharge a staff member will assist you to contact the person you have nominated to collect you and take you home.

Discharge

- Your nurse will discuss with you:
 - Written instructions on what to do after your operation
 - Your medications and/or prescription
 - An appointment to see your surgeon/physician
 - An adult to accompany you home and someone who will stay with you for the first night following your operation/procedure.

Please note that for the first 24 hours after your anaesthetic you Must **NOT**:

- Drive a motor vehicle
- Operate machinery
- Eat a heavy meal
- Drink alcohol or take sleeping pills.



Medical insurance claims

- St George's Hospital accepts all medical insurances including those covered by Southern Cross
- St George's Hospital is also a Southern Cross Affiliated Provider
- It is possible in most cases to obtain prior approval for your hospitalisation from your insurance company. This enables them to pay the service providers directly rather than you paying first and having to claim a refund.

Explanation of charges

- Depending on how your operation/procedure is being funded you may receive separate invoices from:
 - The hospital
 - Your surgeon
 - Your anaesthetist – if applicable
- Internet banking, EFTPOS, cheques, Visa and Mastercard are all accepted
- If you require any further information please telephone 03 375 6010 and our staff will be happy to assist you.

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