

INFORMATION REGARDING YOUR SURGERY

Dr. Weiss has indicated you for a surgical procedure. This is just a general guideline of what comes next. If you have specific requests, we will try to accommodate them if possible.

Step One: Our Surgery Coordinator, Laurie Ferro will contact you by phone within a week following your appointment. This call will be to discuss possible surgery dates. If there is anything you need to schedule around (holidays, vacations, etc.), let Laurie know at that time.

Step Two: “Prior Authorization”

After touching bases with you, Laurie will call your insurance company to obtain any prior authorization that is needed. (If for some reason your insurance carrier does not approve the surgery within two weeks of the scheduled date, the surgery will be postponed).

Step Three: Once the surgery is authorized and the time is confirmed with the hospital, you will receive a packet of information in the mail that contains your surgery itinerary, hospital forms, maps, etc. If you have not received this information within two weeks prior to your surgery, please contact the office.

Location: The surgery will be done at Sonoma Valley Hospital or North Bay Regional Surgery Center. You will need to arrange a ride home after your surgery. **You will not be able to drive yourself.**

Days and Times: Surgeries are performed on Tuesdays at Sonoma Valley Hospital and Fridays at North Bay Regional Surgery Center. The time of your surgery will depend on the hospital’s schedule as well as Dr. Weiss’.

Availability: The surgery schedule is usually full a month to six weeks in advance. There may be sooner openings due to rescheduling or cancellations. **There will be a charge for surgery cancellations within two weeks prior to your scheduled surgery.**

Pre-Operative Appointments: Our office will schedule your pre-operative appointment with Dr. Weiss (unless otherwise specified by the doctor). Write down any questions you might have to ask Dr. Weiss at that time. Our office will also schedule a pre-operative appointment at the hospital if needed. (This will depend on what lab work you need as well as the type of procedure being undertaken).

We hope this answers most of your questions. If you have any other concerns, please do not hesitate to contact our office.