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Hospital Ambulatory Care Waiting Area

To the family and friends of patients undergoing surgery.....

SCHEDULED DATE OF SURGERY _____

The hospital will call the day before surgery to notify you of the time.

ESTIMATED LENGTH OF SURGERY _____

You should plan to check in with the Ambulatory Service Center Care Coordinator as soon as your family member or friend has left for the Operating Room. This is the only way we can talk to you afterwards, or on occasion, reach you to give you updates on the operation's progress. If the surgery is scheduled for many hours, you can leave to eat or do other things, but you should let the information desk know that you are going to leave the area, where you are going, and how long you might be gone so that we might reach you if need be. You should be back in the area before the expected time of the end of the operation.

We will plan to see you or call you in the surgical waiting area after we have safely completed the surgery. Sometimes, especially if another case is ready to start, we will call and talk to you. If for some reason we cannot contact you right after the surgery, let the information desk know where you may be reached.

Your loved one will be in the Recovery Room for 1-2 hours. This is standard recovery time, although the time varies with each individual. Anesthetics wear off in differing time spans depending on the type of anesthetic used. Family members and friends are not allowed to visit in the phase of recovery. When the patient reaches the second phase of the Recovery Room, you will be allowed to join them.

If your loved one will be staying overnight, or is late in recovering, they will be taken to an inpatient recovery room or hospital room for the night. The information desk will help you find out where to meet up with them if they are a late recovery or overnight stay.