



Your Pre-Operative Visit

Thank you for scheduling surgery at Beth Israel Deaconess Hospital Needham. You are scheduled to come to the hospital for a pre-operative interview. This fact sheet will tell you what to expect during this visit and some of the things you need to bring with you for the visit. Please read this information carefully. If you have any questions, please call the Pre-Admission Testing (PAT) department at **(781) 453-5720**.

Where and When to Report: Your pre-operative visit is scheduled for: _____.

Please enter the hospital through the Main Entrance which is located on the ground floor. You will register at the registration desk prior to your visit with the PAT nurse. The registration desk is located just inside the door of the Main Entrance. You will be given written directions by the registration clerk to get to the Pre-Admission Testing (PAT) department which is located in Room 119. Before your surgery we will need some detailed information about your medical and surgical history. If you have access to a computer and the internet, we strongly encourage you to log onto One Medical Passport (www.OneMP.com), where you can complete our pre-operative questionnaire prior to your PAT appointment with our nurse. Completing this questionnaire is easy and should take less than 15 minutes. One Medical Passport is a HIPPA-compliant internet based medical information system that allows you, the patient, to create your own personal profile prior to surgery. Your information is safely stored on a secure webhosting site and will only be released for review by your medical and nursing team here at Beth Israel Deaconess Hospital.

What Will Happen During Your Visit

You will meet with a nurse who will talk with you about your surgery and tell you what you need to do to prepare. Please let the PAT nurse know whether or not you are a Medical Passport patient, so the nurse will be able to retrieve all your information for the interview. If you are unable to complete the One Medical Passport, please bring with you the following information and have it available for your interview:

- ❖ Please bring an accurate list of the name, dosage and schedule of all medications you take, including all over-the-counter medications, herbal products, supplements, and vitamins
- ❖ Be prepared to discuss any allergies you might have
- ❖ All past health problems and/or surgeries
- ❖ Any questions you may have regarding your surgery

The nurse will review information about your medical history, surgical history, and medications you take. During your visit you may have certain tests such as an EKG (electrocardiogram), blood tests, and/or x-rays. Your visit takes about an hour, depending on the waiting times in the testing areas. Of course, we try to minimize this waiting time, but there may be unavoidable delays.

You will meet your Anesthesiologist **on the day of surgery** unless you have any medical issues that must be addressed prior to your surgery. Your surgeon will request that you be seen by an Anesthesiologist at your Pre-Admission testing appointment if he/she feels it is appropriate.

If you are having your pre-operative testing done at your primary care physician's office, please make sure they have been given the proper information (regarding the testing required for your surgery) by your surgeon's office. Your primary care doctor should send the results** directly to the Pre-Admission Testing office at the hospital **by fax within 3 days of your surgery date. The fax number is: (781) 453-3615.**

All material being sent from an outside facility must reach the PAT department within 3 days of your surgery date. Along with the information you need to prepare for surgery, you will also be given an *approximate* time of arrival for the day of surgery.

*** Your surgeon's office will confirm your final arrival time one day prior to your scheduled procedure, so it is suggested that you call your surgeon on the afternoon before your surgery (or Friday afternoon for a Monday surgery)*