

DETAILS TO KNOW & DOCUMENTS TO BRING!

- Photo ID of your loved one
- Insurance card(s)
- Up-to-date list of medications**, including vitamins, herbs, and non-prescription medicines
- Record of any alcohol, tobacco and recreational drug use** (No one will judge. For safe care, doctors need to know everything that's in your loved one's system.)
- List of recent shots and vaccinations**, with dates
- Medical Power of Attorney,
- Advance Directive,
- List of doctors who treat your loved one, and their contact info,

GOOD COMMUNICATION IS GOOD FOR EVERYONE!

Is your loved one hearing-, sight-, or speech-impaired? Speak another language? Please let all medical providers know so they can take special care when communicating with your loved one.

DETAILS TO CONFIRM UPON CHECK-IN:

- Your loved one's name.
- Type of surgery.
- Any special communication needs due to hearing, speech, or language differences.
- Current medications.
- Allergies.
- Last time your loved one had anything to eat or drink.
- How long the surgery is expected to take.
- If you can expect updates during the surgery.
- The possibility of providing additional oxygen for your loved one after surgery.



CONFIRM THE SURGICAL TEAM WILL:

- Take a "Time Out" or "Huddle" just before the surgery to confirm your loved one's medical details.
- Introduce team members to each other.
- Use a surgical checklist.
- Clip (don't shave) hair that may need to be removed.
- Give an antibiotic. (Who is responsible? What time?)
- Review your loved one's medications, allergies, and any other special conditions, such as any hearing, speech, or language differences.
- Keep your loved one warm to protect their immune system!

