

Preparing for Your Surgery

SURGICAL CONSENT

You will be asked to sign a consent form before your surgery. This form gives consent to the surgeon to perform your surgery. Please make sure that you understand your surgery, risks, benefits, and options before signing the form. It is important that you fully understand the information and are an active partner in your care.

TESTS BEFORE

Based on your health history, some tests will be ordered. Your primary care doctor and surgeon will determine if you are healthy enough to have surgery.

Please complete the paperwork from Klamath Orthopedic and Sports Medicine Clinic and bring it with you to all your appointments. Be sure to write down the exact dosages of your medications as stated on your medication bottles, and note when you took your last dose of medicine.



ADVANCED DIRECTIVE

Sky Lakes Medical Center supports and complies with our patients' advance directives for medical care. In order to comply with your wishes, we will ask you about a Living Will or Health Care Power of Attorney. If you have one or both of these documents, please bring a copy to the hospital. If you do not have an advance directive and would like information about writing one, talk with your nurse.

SMOKING?

If you are a smoker or tobacco user, it is important to quit smoking for at least a few days before surgery. Quitting will help with healing and decrease your risk of infection and pneumonia. Talk with your doctor before surgery about quitting, or call the Oregon Tobacco Line at 800-QUITNOW.

Sky Lakes Medical Center is tobacco- and smoke-free. The use of any tobacco products is not allowed inside or outside of our hospital.

