

## **Scheduling Surgery**

### **Who To Contact**

- When you have decided to have surgery, please call my surgery scheduler at (559) 256-5245
- The surgery scheduler will help you pick a date for surgery, schedule pre-operative lab work, and schedule a pre-operative appointment if needed.
- The surgery scheduler will also work on insurance approval for the procedure and give you an estimated cost of the procedure based on facility.

### **Medical Clearances**

- Some patients will require medical clearance from their primary care physician, cardiologist, pulmonologist, or another physician before scheduling surgery.
- The clearance(s) will need to be completed prior to scheduling surgery

### **Medications**

- A nurse from the surgical facility will contact you about what medications you can and cannot take before surgery
- Blood thinners (Aspirin, Coumadin, Eliquis, etc) usually needs to be stopped 5 days prior to surgery
- If you would like your post-operative pain medications before your surgery date, please request this and come to my office to pick it up.

### **Pre-Op Appointment and Lab Work**

- Both of these should be scheduled by the surgery scheduler if needed
- If you have any questions, please write them down or put them in your phone. I am happy to answer these on the day of surgery.
- If you have more questions before deciding on surgery, please call the office to schedule an appointment (559)-290-7052.

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