

### YOUR SURGERY CHECK-IN TIME:

- The hospital determines the time of your operation, and it is only confirmed the workday before the date of surgery. E.g. if your operation is on Monday, the specific time is set on the Friday prior.
- Our office will call you between 2-4pm the workday before your surgery with your check-in time. Please do not call our office prior to this time as we do not get the finalized information until the afternoon.

### YOUR SURGERY LOCATION AND CHECK-IN PROCESS:

#### ⇒ Vancouver General Hospital (VGH): 899 West 12<sup>th</sup> Ave., Vancouver

- If you have not heard from our office by 4pm the workday before your surgery, please call the VGH Admitting Department before 5pm at **604-875-4300 or 604-875-4111 ext. 62238** for your check-in time.
- On the day of surgery, report to the Admitting Department in the Jim Pattison Pavilion, 1st Floor.

#### ⇒ UBC Hospital (UBCH): 2211 Wesbrook Mall, Vancouver

- If you have not heard from our office by 4pm the workday before your surgery, please call the UBCH Admitting Department before 6pm at **604-822-7033** for your check-in time.
- On the day of surgery, report to the Admitting Department in the Koerner Pavilion, Ground Floor.

#### ⇒ False Creek Healthcare Centre (FCHC): 555 West 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Vancouver.

- A FCHC coordinator will call you 1-2 business days prior to your surgery date to discuss your fasting instructions, medication instructions, and arrival time.
- Please call **604-739-9695** between 8:00am-4:00pm on weekdays if you have any additional questions for their staff after the call. Please do not contact our office.
- On the day of surgery, report to the 6th Floor.

### YOU WILL BE ADMITTED AS ONE OF THE FOLLOWING:

#### ⇒ ADMIT \_\_\_\_\_ DAY(S) PRIOR TO SURGERY - You will be admitted for overnight stay(s) before your actual surgery date.

- **Weekdays** - Report to the Main Admitting Department on the 1<sup>st</sup> floor of the Jim Pattison Pavilion between 12:00-2:30pm on your assigned check-in date.
- **Weekdays after-hours, weekends, holidays** - Go to the VGH Emergency Room entrance on 10<sup>th</sup> Avenue, check in at Booth #4 and tell staff ***"I am here for admission prior to surgery."***
- After surgery you will be stay for approximately \_\_\_\_\_ day(s) in the hospital.

#### ⇒ DAY CARE - You will check in on the day of your surgery and be discharged after surgery.

- **You must arrange a driver to escort you home afterwards and have a responsible adult in your presence overnight.**

#### ⇒ SAME DAY ADMIT - You will check in on the day of your surgery and stay in the hospital after surgery.

- After surgery you will be admitted for approximately \_\_\_\_\_ day(s) in the hospital.

### LAB TESTS - IMPORTANT!

- If pre-surgery bloodwork and/or electrocardiogram (ECG) is ordered by Dr. Liu Hennessey, please complete these with Dr. Liu Hennessey's requisition at LifeLabs as soon as a surgery date is set. No fasting/preparation is required unless otherwise specified.
- The surgery cannot be booked without the necessary bloodwork.

### **PRE-ADMISSION CLINIC (PAC) - for surgery scheduled at VGH or UBCH:**

The PAC will give you instructions about whether any of your current medications need to be stopped before surgery and when to stop eating prior to surgery. If you need a bowel prep, Dr. Liu Hennessey will give you separate instructions.

The nurses and anesthesiologists from the PAC will review your health history, your current medications, and your planned surgical procedure. They will determine if you require a full appointment in person, or if your interview can be done over the phone with a nurse. A clerk will call you directly to schedule the required PAC appointment, generally 2 weeks prior to surgery but no later than 2 business days prior to surgery.

If you are from out-of-town, the PAC will try to coordinate this visit with any other trip(s) you may be making to Vancouver prior to surgery.

For in-person appointments, **please report to the PAC located on 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor (Station #7) inside the Gordon & Leslie Diamond Health Care Centre**. There is street parking & on-site parkade available at your own expense. We encourage you to bring a support person with you. Please bring the following to your PAC clinic appointment:

1. Identification: your provincial health card/Driver's License/government-issued photo ID
2. All medications you are taking, in their original containers/packaging
3. An interpreter, if you do not speak fluent English

Your in-office appointment in the PAC will last approximately 1.5-2 hours, please check with the receptionist before leaving the clinic. Please contact the PAC at **604-675-3675** with any questions.

### **POSSIBLE CANCELLATION:**

In some cases, due to circumstances beyond our control, such as emergency cases or lack of hospital beds, your surgery may be cancelled on the day of surgery. If this happens, we appreciate your understanding and will rebook your procedure as soon as possible.

### **POST-SURGERY FOLLOW-UP APPOINTMENT:**

A post-surgery follow-up appointment is recommended approximately 4-6 weeks after your discharge date (unless Dr. Liu Hennessey advises otherwise).

It is the patient's responsibility to contact our office to schedule your post-surgery follow-up appointment. We recommend you contact our office within the first 1-2 days after discharge to pre-schedule your follow-up appointment well in advance.

**Exception:** Patients who had a PD catheter insertion or removal surgery are **NOT REQUIRED** to schedule a post-surgery follow-up appointment with Dr. Liu Hennessey (unless advised otherwise). Staff from the Peritoneal Dialysis Clinic will contact you directly after surgery to schedule a follow-up appointment with their office.