



YOUR PATHWAY to SURGERY

Welcome and thank you for choosing the Orthopaedic Hospital of Wisconsin (OHOW) for your surgery. Prior to your procedure, we are committed to providing you with an accurate assessment, evaluation, and early intervention to ensure your safety and make certain you receive the best possible medical care during your stay with us. Undergoing a surgical procedure can be a stressful experience for many patients, but the professional staff at OHOW is focused on providing you with every tool you'll need to feel at ease with your upcoming procedure.

The following is a timeline to help you understand - and prepare for your experience at OHOW:

- You are **required** to obtain a blood test and electrocardiogram within the next 3 days which will be reviewed by our hospital physicians. You may come to the Orthopaedic Hospital Monday through Friday between 9AM and 5PM to have these tests performed.
- At your surgeon's office you will be required to answer a brief questionnaire about your medical history and give us the phone numbers of your pharmacies and doctors. A copy of the questionnaire is available on our website (www.ohow.com) and in your surgery binder if you would like to review it.
- Based on the results of the questionnaire and testing you may be scheduled to meet personally with our healthcare professionals to review your medical history and perform an exam. The goal of this visit is to ensure that you are prepared for surgery. It also allows us to identify any potential complications with surgery or anesthesia and communicate with your primary care doctor. If your particular medical condition requires it, other tests might be needed before surgery, such as a chest x-ray or cardiac stress test.

It is important that you complete these steps in the next 3 business days to avoid having your surgery postponed or cancelled.