

Surgery Preparation FAQs

Important reminders to help you plan and prepare for your upcoming surgery at Edgerton Hospital.

1. Do I need to use Hibiclens soap before surgery?

Yes.

- Wash with Hibiclens for **3 days before surgery** and again the **morning of surgery**.
- Use the soap from the **neck down only**.
- If washing your hair, use your **regular shampoo** first, then rinse hair and body thoroughly.
- Wash your **face** with your regular soap or water only.

Do NOT use Hibiclens on your eyes, ears, mouth, genital area, or deep wounds. If you are unsure, ask your doctor or nurse.

2. When should I schedule my surgery?

Please allow **at least 4 weeks** before your chosen surgery date so we can complete all required pre-surgery steps.

3. What if I've had a recent joint injection?

If you've had an injection in the joint where surgery is planned, surgery must be scheduled **at least 3 months after** the injection date.

4. Should I let my specialists know about my surgery?

Yes. If you see a specialist (such as a cardiologist or pulmonologist), let them know about your upcoming surgery. They may want to see you beforehand to ensure you are cleared.

5. Can I get dental work before or after surgery?

- a. **No dental cleanings or dental work** for **6 weeks before** and **3 months after** joint replacement surgery.
- b. After 3 months, you must take **antibiotics before all dental appointments**.
- c. Call our office for your prescription: **608-561-6729**.

6. Is a CT scan required?



Yes, a **custom CT scan** is required for robotic surgeries. Once we have prior authorization, we'll contact you to schedule.

- If insurance denies coverage, we will discuss options with you.
- Edgerton offers a flat-rate cash payment option if needed.

7. What about my pre-op appointment?

Pre-op appointments must be completed **30 days before surgery**. We will schedule this for you and include details in your surgery packet.

- At your appointment, you'll need:
 - **EKG**
 - **Lab work** (including HgbA1C if diabetic or pre-diabetic)
 - Please notify your specialists about your surgery so any extra testing can be ordered in advance.

8. Will I go home the same day?

Yes. This is an **outpatient procedure**, so patients typically go home the same day. You must have a **support person available at home** to help during your recovery.

9. Will I get a call before surgery?

Yes. A nurse will call a few days before your surgery to:

- Review your health history
- Give you your **arrival time**
- Share any **diet restrictions**

If you do not receive a call by the day before surgery, please contact the Assessment Nurse at **608-884-1340**.

We're here to help make your surgery preparation as smooth as possible!