

Before Surgery

The following general pre-operative instructions should be followed closely, except when overruled by specific procedural instructions.

Two Weeks Prior to Surgery

- NO ASPIRIN or medicines that contain aspirin since it interferes with normal blood clotting.
- NO IBUPROFEN or medicines containing ibuprofen as it interferes with blood clotting.
- Please DISCONTINUE ALL HERBAL MEDICATIONS as many have side effects that could complicate a surgical procedure by inhibiting blood clotting, affecting blood pressure, or interfering with anesthetics.
- Please DISCONTINUE ALL DIET PILLS whether prescription, over-the-counter or herbal as many will interfere with anesthesia and can cause cardiovascular concerns.
- NO "MEGADOSES" OF VITAMIN E, but a multiple vitamin that contains E is just fine.
- NO SMOKING is mandatory for face lifts, breast lifts, thigh/body lifts and tummy tucks because nicotine reduces blood flow to the skin and can cause significant complications during healing.
- You may take Tylenol or generic forms of this drug. These do not interfere with blood clotting or healing.
- Start taking a multivitamin each day and continue taking through your recovery. The healthier you are, the quicker your recovery will be.

One Week Prior to Surgery

- Limit alcohol for one week prior to surgery and one week after surgery as these can interfere with anesthesia and affect blood clotting.
- If your skin tolerates, use a germ-inhibiting soap for bathing, such as Dial®, Safeguard®, or Lever 2000® for at least the week before surgery.
- DO report any signs of cold, infection, boils, or pustules appearing before surgery.
- DO NOT take any cough or cold medications without permission.
- DO arrange for a responsible adult to drive you to and from the facility on the day of surgery, since you will not be allowed to leave on your own.
- DO arrange for a responsible individual to spend the first 24 hours with you, since you CANNOT be left alone.

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