MY ENHANCED RECOVERY CALENDAR

KAISER PERMANENTE

Follow these steps before and after your surgery to recover safely and quickly. Please bring this with you to the hospital.

		Day before surgery	Day of surgery	During your hospital stay	After discharge
Medications & Pain Management		Carefully follow medication instructions and changes.	Carefully follow medication instructions and changes.	 Use oral pain medicine as needed. Ease pain with kp.org/ easepainpodcast. 	 Taper from oral pain medicine. Ease pain with kp.org/ easepainpodcast.
Activity		 Continue daily exercise. Relax with kp.org/ surgerypodcast. Practice your incentive spirometer. 	□ Check in for surgery.	 Walk in the hallway at least 4 times a day. Use your incentive spirometer 10 times/hour while awake. 	 Stay active by going for 30- minute walks outside twice a day. Use your incentive spirometer 10 times/hour for one week.
Eating & Drinking		 Do not eat any food 8 hours before your scheduled arrival time. You may drink clear liquids after midnight. 	 You may drink clear liquids up until 2 hours before your scheduled arrival time. Drink 8 ounces of carbohydrate drink (Gatorade or apple juice) 2 hours before your scheduled arrival time. Finish drinking it within 15 minutes. Do not drink anything else. 	Follow the diet instructions from your surgeon.	 Follow the diet instructions from your surgeon. Bowel function will often not fully recover until after you are discharged.
Tobacco		□ Do not smoke or chew tobacco.	□ Do not smoke or chew tobacco.	□ Do not smoke or chew tobacco.	□ Do not smoke or chew tobacco.
Mouth & Skin Care	\bigotimes	 Do not shave. The night before surgery: Shower or bathe, and wash hair and use skin preparation (soap or wipes) as directed. 	 Use skin preparation as directed. Do not shave. Use chlorhexidine mouthwash as directed by your surgeon to help prevent pneumonia. 	 Wash your hands often. Use chlorhexidine mouthwash as directed by your surgeon to help prevent pneumonia. 	 Wash your hands often. Follow incision care instructions. You may shower, but don't take a bath or use a hot tub.
Other Steps & Treatments		 Plan ahead for help at home after surgery. Check your kp.org email or your phone for a message with check in time, medication instructions and other important information. Watch the video at kpdoc.org/incentivespirometervideo. 			 Call the surgery team for questions or advice at 1-844- 398-2273 (toll free) or Regional Advice at 1-800-813-2000.

This information is not intended to diagnose health problems or to take the place of medical advice or care you receive from your physician or other health care professional. If you have persistent health problems, or if you have additional questions, please consult your doctor. Some photos may include models and not actual patients.

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		4 weeks before surgery	2 weeks before surgery	1 week before surgery
Medications & Pain Management			 Carefully follow any medication instructions and changes. 	 Carefully follow any medication instructions and changes.
Activity		 Be active every day – it helps you recover from surgery easier. Lose weight, if your doctor advises – it can help you avoid risks during surgery and recover easier. Relax with kp.org/surgerypodcast. 	 Continue daily exercise. Lose weight, if your doctor advises. Relax with kp.org/surgerypodcast. 	 Continue daily exercise. Lose weight, if your doctor advises. Relax with kp.org/surgerypodcast.
Eating & Drinking		Maintain a regular diet.	Maintain a regular diet.	Maintain a regular diet.
Tobacco		 Tobacco use increases the risk of complications after surgery. Talk with your doctor about ways to quit tobacco. Contact Health Engagement and Wellness Services at 503-286-6816 or 1-866-301-3866 (toll free), option 2, to register for a class or telephone counseling with a health coach. 	□ Do not smoke or chew tobacco.	Do not smoke or chew tobacco.
Mouth & Skin Care	\bigotimes			 Do not shave or wax your legs, underarms, or the area of your body where we will operate. Three (3) nights before surgery: Shower or bathe and wash hair. Use skin soap preparation as directed.
Other Steps & Treatments		 Plan ahead for help at home after surgery. Schedule an appointment with the Preoperative Medicine Clinic no more than 30 days before your surgery date, if referred by your surgeon. 	 Plan ahead for help at home after surgery. Watch the video at kpdoc.org/ incentivespirometervideo. Schedule or complete an appointment with the Preoperative Medicine Clinic, if referred by your surgeon. 	 Plan ahead for help at home for 2 weeks after surgery. Watch the video at kpdoc.org/incentivespirometervideo. Complete an appointment with the Preoperative Medicine Clinic, if referred by your surgeon.