MY ENHANCED RECOVERY CALENDAR



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

		4 weeks before surgery	2 weeks before surgery	1 week before surgery	Day before surgery
Medications & Pain Management		☐ Take medications as directed by your doctor.	☐ Take medications as instructed by the Preoperative Medicine Clinic provider.	☐ Take medications as instructed by the Preoperative Medicine Clinic provider.	☐ Take medications as instructed by the Preoperative Medicine Clinic provider.
Activity	(ii)	 Exercise daily to condition your body. Relax with online tool: kp.org/surgerypodcast. 	 Exercise daily to condition your body. Lose weight, if your doctor advises. Relax with online tool: kp.org/surgerypodcast. 	 Exercise daily to condition your body. Lose weight, if your doctor advises. Relax with online tool: kp.org/surgerypodcast. 	 □ Incentive spirometer practice. □ Continue daily exercise. □ Relax with online tool: kp.org/surgerypodcast.
Eating & Drinking		☐ Maintain a regular diet.	□ Maintain a regular diet.	 Nutritional supplement of your choice 2-3 times per day for 1 week. Maintain a regular diet. 	 □ Stop solid food by 10 a.m. □ Clear liquids only after 10 a.m. □ Drink 16 ounces of water before going to bed.
Tobacco		 □ Talk with your doctor about ways to quit tobacco. □ Tobacco use increases the risks of complications after surgery. 	☐ Do not smoke or chew tobacco.	☐ Do not smoke or chew tobacco.	☐ Do not smoke or chew tobacco.
Mouth & Skin Care	Ø			 □ Do not shave or wax your legs, underarms, or the area of your body where we will operate. □ Avoid skin cuts and scrapes. 	The night before surgery ☐ Shower or bathe, and wash hair. ☐ Do not shave. ☐ Skin preparation as directed.
Other Steps & Treatments	(Plan ahead for help at home for 2 weeks after surgery. Schedule an appointment with Preoperative Medicine Clinic no more than 30 days before surgery date. 	 Plan ahead for help at home after surgery. Watch video kpdoc.org/incentivespirometervideo. Schedule or complete an appointment with Preoperative Medicine Clinic. 	 Plan ahead for help at home for 2 weeks after surgery. Watch video kpdoc.org/incentivespirometervideo. Complete an appointment with Preoperative Medicine Clinic. 	 Start Bowel Preparation as directed. Plan ahead for help at home after surgery.

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		Day of surgery	After surgery	First day after surgery	Remainder of hospital stay	After discharge
Medications & Pain Management		☐ Take all medicine as instructed by doctor.	☐ IV pain medicine . ☐ Ease pain with online tool: kp.org/easepainpodcast.	☐ Oral pain medicine. ☐ Ease pain with online tool: kp.org/easepainpodcast.	□ Oral pain medicine.□ Ease pain with online tool: kp.org/easepainpodcast.	 □ Taper from oral pain medicine. □ Ease pain with online tool: kp.org/easepainpodcast.
Activity	(j)	☐ Check in for surgery.	□ Walk in hallway.□ Spirometer 10X/hour while awake.	 □ Walk in hallway minimum 4 times, minimum 100 feet each walk. □ Spirometer 10X/hour while awake. 	 □ Walk in hallway minimum 4 times, minimum 100 feet each walk. □ Spirometer 10X/hour while awake. 	 □ Stay active by going for 30 min walks outside twice a day. □ Spirometer 10X/hour for a week.
Eating & Drinking		 □ Clear liquids only until you leave for surgery. □ Drink 20 oz Gatorade prior to leaving – complete prior to checking in for surgery. 	□ Liquid diet.	□ Start a regular diet as tolerated.	☐ Continue a regular diet as tolerated.	 □ Regular diet as tolerated. □ Bowel function will often not fully recover until after discharge.
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.	☐ Do not smoke or chew tobacco.
Mouth & Skin Care	Ø	 ☐ Use skin preparation as directed. ☐ Do not shave. ☐ Take only approved medicines. 	☐ Wash your hands often. ☐ 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. □ 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 pool or hot tub.
Other Steps & Treatments	\bigcirc	☐ Check email/phone for surgery time and information.	☐ IV pain medicine. ☐ Urinary catheter in place.	☐ Urinary catheter removed.		□ Call surgery team for questions or advice at 1-844-398-2273 or Regional Advice at 1-800-813-2000.