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PURPOSE:

The purpose of the admission criteria is to determine which patients are appropriate candidates, based on the patient's medical condition and/or the control of their medical condition, to have surgery performed on an outpatient basis. A decision will be made, based on the outcome of the preoperative screening assessment.

PROTOCOL

1. The pre-operative nurse will contact the patient and conduct a telephone interview to complete the preoperative screening assessment.
2. The preoperative screening assessment will be completed to record information regarding the patient's medical history, special needs, as well as determine legal guardianship of minors or mentally handicapped individuals.
3. Based on the outcome of the preoperative screening assessment and consultation with the anesthesiologist, a decision will be made as to the need for any preoperative testing. Any reported medical history problems, allergies or daily medications and/or needs should be brought to the attention of the anesthesiologist and/or the attending physician. Patients identified as high risk (ASA 3) will be reviewed with the anesthesiologist.
4. The information obtained from the preoperative screening assessment enables the physician(s) and facility nursing personnel to make decisions regarding the need for further diagnostic testing, physician referrals, consideration of alternative treatment needs, and occasionally, consideration of cancellation or postponement of the procedure.
5. If it is determined that the patient is not a proper candidate for outpatient surgery or requires additional preoperative work-up, the nursing staff will contact the surgeon's office to arrange for the workup to be performed and/or to discuss other admission arrangements.

PROCEDURE

1. The nurse doing the preoperative call introduces himself/herself. An outline of the purpose of the admission and its concept is explained to the patient.
2. The appointment date and the tentative time of arrival at the center are verified with the patient.
3. A pre-anesthesia medical and surgical history is taken by nursing personnel.
4. Preoperative instructions are reviewed including diet restrictions, appropriate clothing, care of valuables, and other instructions.
5. The need for transportation is discussed, depending on the type of anesthesia proposed.
6. Parents or guardians, accompanying minor children during the child's stay, are needed for signing the operative and anesthesia consent. They are required to remain in the facility during the minor's entire stay.
7. If any laboratory tests or EKGs are needed, arrangements are made with the patient to get these completed prior to the surgery date.(see below)
8. Any questions the patient might have are answered, or the patient is referred to their surgeon for further explanations.
9. Directions to the facility are given to the patient. Website information is given to the patient.
10. When the preoperative screening assessment is completed, it is added to the patient's chart. It is the responsibility of the pre-op nurse to verify any labs ordered by the surgeon are on the chart and the history and physical is obtained and added to the chart.
11. To protect patient privacy, facility staff will not leave answering machine messages other than a request to return a call to Alice at Lakeview and the telephone number.
12. Patients are welcome to tour the facility before their scheduled surgery date.

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The following will be used as a guideline to determine the need for preoperative testing requirements as determined by the anesthesia:

TESTING REQUIRED	Time Frame	PREOPERATIVE CONDITION
EKG**	copy of report from the previous 6 months is acceptable	Cardiac history, medication history, or hypertension history, renal history or insulin dependant diabetic
Urine Pregnancy Test*	Date of Service	All female patients in reproductive years, except those w/ hysterectomy; scheduled for a suction D&C for missed AB or waived by anesthesia order
Glucose*	Date of Service	All diabetic patients – either insulin or oral medication controlled
Potassium	Within 7 days of service	Patients taking diuretics unless waived by anesthesia order
Potassium	Within 24 hours of DOS	Patients with a history of renal failure
INR and/ or PT	24 hours prior to surgery but dependant on type of procedure	Patients taking anticoagulants or patients with bleeding disorders – need to stop meds 7 days preop
HGB**	Current but dependant on type of procedure	Patients with history of anemia, bleeding disorders, renal failure or surgical procedures likely to involve significant blood loss
Rh typing	Preop at center	Any patient who has order for administration of Rh Immune Globulin; for Rh negative patients or those who don't have typing available from surgeon's office
AICD patients	Preop	Surgeon's office notifies rep to be available for day of surgery to turn off internal defibrillator

*These tests will be routinely run on patients at the facility according to Preoperative Requirement – Lab Tests policy.

**The facility has the capability to perform these tests, but a specific order must be obtained from the surgeon or the anesthesiologist.

Other tests will need to be scheduled at a different facility and completed prior to the patient's arrival for surgery. Please confirm the need for testing prior to arrangements being made with patients.

Testing requirements will be based on the type of anesthesia that is requested:

General Anesthesia Surgical	As indicated above
MAC Surgical	Must be reviewed with anesthesia if parameters above are noted and specific orders obtained
MAC Pain Management	Must be reviewed with anesthesia if parameters above are noted and specific orders obtained
Local Anesthesia Surgical	As ordered per surgeon
Local Pain Management	As ordered per surgeon