

## **SURGERY EVALUATION CENTER FOR WLI PATIENTS**

The Surgery Evaluation Center is SSM Health DePaul Hospital's pre-surgery department for registration, testing and evaluation prior to your scheduled surgery. **Ideally this registration and testing should be done at least 2 weeks prior to your surgery date to ensure no delays the day of surgery.** The staff and nurses in the Surgery Evaluation Center are specialized in pre-operative evaluation and preparation of patients and their families for surgery and they will be able to help you through this process so as to make the day of surgery less stressful for you.

**Your Surgery Evaluation Center visit may be scheduled by calling  
636-949-9600 Monday - Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.**

**When scheduling your appointment please provide the following:**

- 1) Where you are having your surgery**
- 2) What type of surgery you are having**
- 3) Who your doctor is**

### **What to Expect During the Visit:**

You will pre-register for your surgery which will also include making arrangements with your insurance, obtaining the pre-authorization and any co-payments that may be required. You will also visit with one of our nurses who will review your health history, make a list of your medications and answer any questions you may have. If you have any special concerns now would be a good time to bring them up to the Surgery Evaluation staff. While you are there taking care of these necessary steps you will have your blood work drawn and EKG done. Chest x-rays and other testing may be obtained if it has been ordered.

### **What to Bring to Your Visit:**

- WLI educational binder (given to you by your physician)
- Insurance card
- Driver's license
- Copy of your living will
- Payment for any co-payments your insurance may require
- Medications, including any over the counter medications i.e. eye-drops, vitamins etc.
- We will also need the information if you have an implanted defibrillator or pacemaker i.e. brand.

The pre-registration, medical evaluation health history, testing and education will take some time to complete so be sure to allow ample time. We will make every effort to move efficiently through your visit, remember this is a one stop visit where all your pre-operative needs may be met.