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Information for Patients Having Surgery in the Main Hospital Operating Room

On The Day of Your Surgery

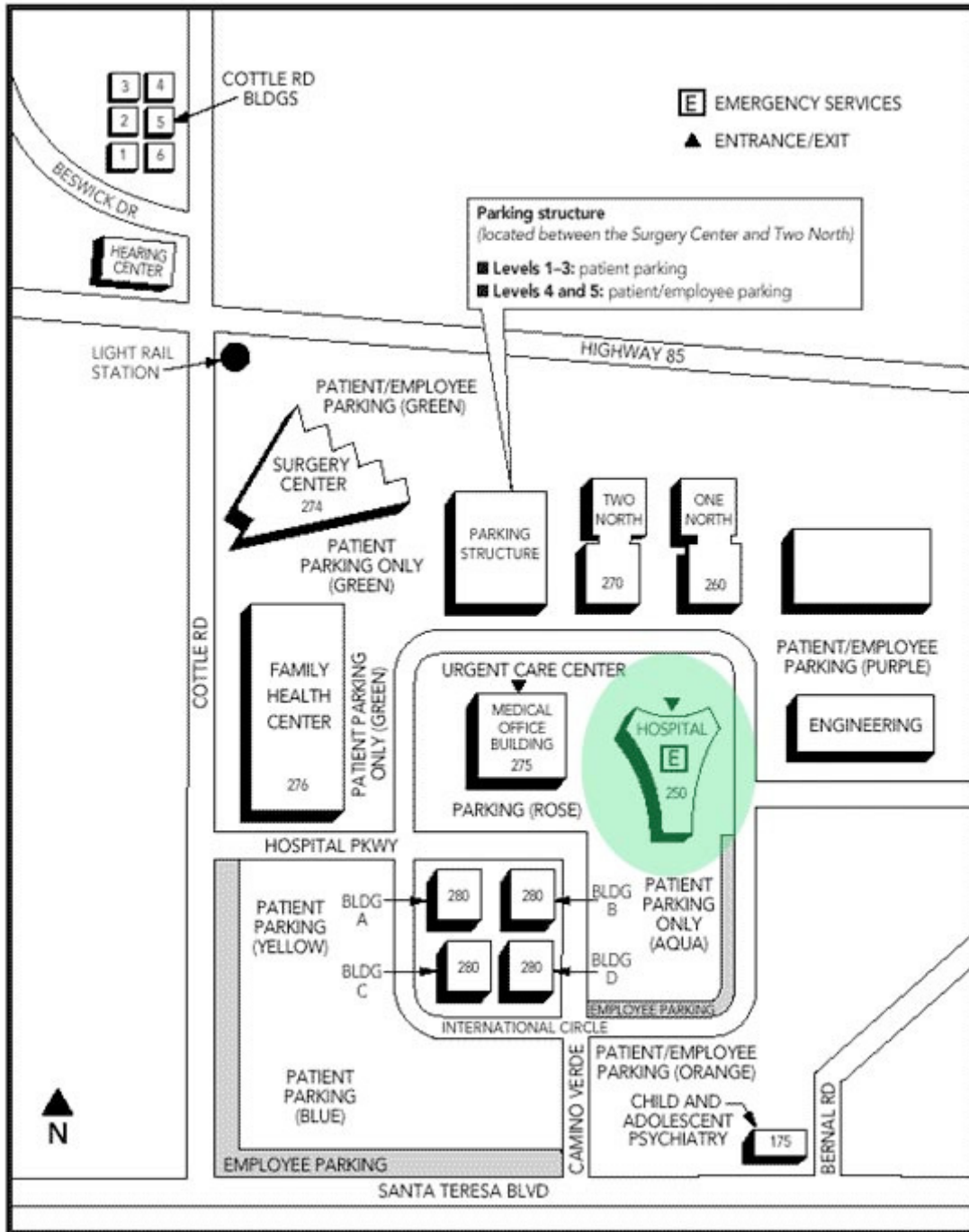
Your surgeon's scheduler should have given you an arrival time for the day of your surgery. Since there is a lot of preparation for surgery, the time that you have been given is usually several hours before the actual scheduled time for surgery. Even though it may seem like nothing is happening, it is very important to arrive promptly so that the progress of your surgery can begin smoothly.

An Important Message

The instructions that you have been given for medication changes and fasting before surgery must be followed without exception. If you think you have eaten any liquids or solid food or taken any medications you should not have, it is extremely important to let someone know immediately. Accidents like this happen, and it is more important to be safe than to do your surgery under less than optimal circumstances.



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Where Should I Go?

For surgeries in the Main Operating Room, you will need to report to the Main Hospital building. Right inside the Main Entrance of the hospital, you will see a waiting area where your family and friends will wait for you during surgery. You will also find an Information desk staffed with helpful volunteers who will direct you to AM Admit.



Follow the hallway to the left of the Information desk. Continue straight past the Laboratory on your left and the Pre-op Clinic on your right. You will then make a right turn heading past the service elevators. The door for AM Admit is just past the elevators on your right-hand side. Look for the big sign overhead.





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Please Note: If you have been told to arrive earlier than 7:00am, you will need to go directly to the Recovery Room where your surgical preparations will take place.

From the Main Entrance, you will find the main elevators to the right of the Information desk. Use these elevators to go down to the First Floor. When you exit the elevators on the First Floor, follow the hallway around the corner and head straight down the hallway.



The entrance of the Recovery Room is a set of double doors on your right-hand side. To get in to the Recovery Room you must pick up the phone on the wall and wait for someone to answer and let you in.

Additional Considerations

To guard the privacy and safety of all patients before and after surgery, there is a limit to the number of visitors each patient may have. There may also be a limitation on visitors under the age of 14. Finally, if any visitors are currently ill or have recently been ill, they are urged to remain out of the area in the event that they may be contagious or possibly more susceptible than usual to acquiring other contagious illnesses.

If you are ill or not feeling your best in the days leading up to your scheduled surgery date, you may want to consider postponing your surgery to a future date. Your safety and wellbeing are highly dependent on doing surgery under the most optimum of conditions. If you would like to reschedule your surgery, please contact your surgeon's scheduling office.