

Going to Theatre and what to expect

Medication

Kindly provide a list of any chronic, recently used or prescribed medicines. If you normally take tablets or insulin for [diabetes](#), make sure you discuss this with your specialist as soon as possible before your operation.

You'll be asked whether you're allergic to any medication or whether any relatives have ever had any problems with an [anaesthetic](#), so suitable precautions can be taken.

Day of surgery

Please ensure that you arrive at the specified time (6h00) Please report to Admissions .

You will be welcomed by a members of staff, who will explain the processes to you and give you an identity bracelet to wear during your stay in hospital,

A nurse will give you a full explanation of what will happen during your stay.

Your surgeon's staff will also come to see you to discuss and sign your consent for surgery form giving your permission for surgery to go ahead. This form indicates that you know what the surgery is for, and you understand the risks, benefits and alternative treatments.

During your time in hospital, you may be asked the same questions by several people. This is routine, and ensures that correct information about you is checked and available at each stage of treatment.

You will be taken to one of our operating theatres for your operation.

The surgeons decide in which order to operate on patients, but sometimes this has to change during the course of the morning or afternoon. Please bear with us if we are unable to be precise about what time you will be going to theatre.



After your operation

When the procedure is over you will be transferred to the recovery room. A specially trained nurse will look after you and make sure that you have good pain relief and that you are breathing well.

Your relatives will be able to see you during visiting hours. Nursing staff will be available to communicate to them.