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How will the day go for me?

Date of procedure: _____

Arrival Time: The hospital staff will contact you the day before your procedure and give you an exact time of arrival. If you have not been contacted by 4:00 PM please call the hospital at (580) 251-8449 or our office at (580) 255-9797.

Expected length of procedure: There will be 30 minutes of prep time. The surgery will take approximately 30 minutes and you will be in recovery for 30 additional minutes.

What happens after I arrive?

- You will check in at Admissions and Outpatient Services (see map included in packet).
- Pre-op laboratories/imaging will be completed if not previously performed.
- A nurse will confirm your history, start your IV and fluids will be given.
- The surgeon will visit with you prior to your procedure and answer any questions you might have.
- Anesthesia will arrive to review your history and take you to the operating room.
- Anesthesia will be administered and the surgery will begin.

Infusaport

What is an infusaport?

• An Infusaport is a medical device that is placed beneath the skin in the upper chest and is connected to a catheter that enters the blood stream. This may be needed for chemotherapy, infusion therapy or frequent blood draws. It sits just below your collarbone. It is about a half-inch thick and about the size of a quarter. You can feel the raised center under your skin. There is a flexible piece of tubing (catheter) connected to the device that enters a vein near your neck.

The Procedure

- During the procedure, moderate sedation will be given. A small incision is then made to the upper chest, about 2-3 inches below the collarbone. A small tube (catheter) is connected to the port, placed under your skin and then into the subclavian vein near your neck. The port is placed beneath the skin. The incision is closed with self-absorbing sutures and surgical glue.
- A bandage is applied to the area following your procedure that may be removed 12-24 hours after you return home. A chest x-ray will be performed following your procedure to ensure it is placed in the proper position.

