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# Below the Knee Amputation

## 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 3:00 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 45 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.
- Dr. Miller 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.

### Below the Knee Amputation

How will the amputation be performed?

- The surgeon will make an incision below the knee, removing everything below the incision. The tibia and fibula will be made smooth. A flap made of muscle, tissue, and skin may be used to cover the end of your bone.
- The incision is closed with staples. A drain may or may not be placed at the time of your surgery. Dressings are applied to the residual limb. You will be transferred to the recovery room and then moved to the medical/surgical floor for observation.

