

Surgical Guide for Patients

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We continue our commitment to keeping you safe.

At Artesia General Hospital, we remain committed to providing effective, compassionate and safe patient care. We want to be your destination for health and your partner for life—and we especially want you to know you will be safe. The team at Artesia General Hospital wants to reemphasize our commitment, now and always, to care for you with the utmost compassion and safety.

General information

Artesia General Hospital follows the guidelines put forth by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, the American College of Surgeons, the American Society of Anesthesiologists, the Association of periOperative Registered Nurses and the American Hospital Association. We follow best practices for patient safety. The majority of our staff have been vaccinated and boosted.

We no longer limit public access and entrances. However, if the infection level moves from green, we will notify you with a sign at the entrance and we will take appropriate action by wearing protective equipment as needed and mandated. Other instructions will then be provided to you.

Safety is paramount

When you are scheduled for surgery, your doctor will provide instructions for preparation. Please follow all instructions very carefully, especially time-sensitive preoperative testing, and ask a member of your care team for help if there is anything you find confusing. You must understand your instructions so you can fully participate in your own care. You will need to be tested for COVID-19 48 hours prior to your surgery unless you are fully vaccinated. If you develop symptoms of COVID-19 or any other illness during this period, contact your surgical care team immediately.



Day of surgery

You'll enter the hospital through a special entry near the northeast corner of the hospital, designated for outpatient surgeries only; directions are available later in this guide. Your family or friends may wait in the waiting area after you have been taken back and until someone from the surgical team advises them that you are ready to leave recovery. We currently allow one visitor into the recovery area after the patient is stable. Upon discharge, your family or friend may pull their vehicle around to that same area where you entered and someone from the surgical team will deliver you in a wheelchair to your waiting vehicle.

After you are discharged and safely home, someone will follow up with you to make sure you understand all discharge instructions and they will answer any questions you might have. Please keep your follow-up appointment after your surgery.

Protecting you is important to us.

See back page for detailed directions and information about getting to your scheduled surgery appointment.



Getting to Your Appointment

Step 1:

Enter the Artesia General Hospital campus through the northeast entrance off 10th Street. Look for a monument sign surrounded by stones that says “Northeast Entrance & Receiving”.



Step 2:

On the east side of the hospital is a Materials and Receiving street with a sign that says “Authorized Personnel Only”. You are authorized, but please remember to obey the campus-wide speed limit of 10 mph.



Step 3:

The northeast parking lot is on your left along the Materials and Receiving street, just before the large boulder.



Step 4:

Patient parking is to the left, and handicap parking is to the right, clearly labeled.



Step 5:

Before you exit your vehicle, call the Outpatient Surgical Team at 575.736.8342 and let them know you have arrived. A member of the team will meet you, screen you for COVID-19 and escort you inside.



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