

Patient Information and checklist for Eye Surgery and Cystoscopy

Please follow the instructions below for COVID screening and preparing for your procedure: Patients who have not taken all the necessary steps many have their surgery cancelled. Unfortunately, the hospital may have to cancel surgeries on short notice depending on how the current pandemic is impacting the health care system.

Your surgery is booked for: (Date) _____ at (Time) _____

You must bring your health card.

A prescription may be ordered by your surgeon and given to you. There is a retail pharmacy in the building where you can fill your prescription.

Your surgeon's office will confirm the time of your procedure.

You don't need a COVID test prior to surgery unless your surgeon tells you. If you require a test, your surgeon will inform you to book a COVID test four days before surgery.

North York General Hospital Covid-19 Assessment Centres

Branson Assessment Center, Branson Site
555 Finch Ave West, North York, Ontario M2R 1N5
Open 7 days/week (8 a.m. - 7 p.m.)

Pre-registration

You can pre-register online for your surgery seven days before but no less than four days before your appointment online at www.nygh.on.ca

It is highly recommended that you self-isolate for 10 days before your procedure to decrease the chance of infection.

It is important that you let your surgeon know if you develop any symptoms before surgery. Please let your surgeon know if you are unable to wear a mask due to medical reasons.

Please arrive at least one hour before your surgery time (or as directed by your surgeon's office). In order to maintain physical distancing in our waiting areas, you may be asked to wait outside, but nearby the hospital if you arrive too early for your surgery. A staff member will contact you on your cell phone when it is time to return.

You must bring your health card to your surgery appointment.

All patients, support persons and visitors entering our facilities, will be issued a hospital approved 3-layer mask. Masks/face coverings from outside, are no longer permitted for use at any NYGH site.

While inside the building please follow the safety measures in place to protect you:

- Bring a mask and keep it on at all times.
- Follow physical distancing of 2 meters (6 feet), this includes seating in waiting areas, elevators and line-ups.

INFORMATION ABOUT CAREGIVERS

You must arrange for someone to accompany you home, as you will not be able to drive, take public transportation or Wheel-Trans. Due to limited space and the need to physically distance from others, family members can wait in either the retail area of the building or nearby. A staff member will contact them on their cell phone when it is time to return.

CHECK LIST OF INSTRUCTIONS BEFORE SURGERY

- If your health changes or you develop a cough, cold or fever within a week before your surgery, call your ophthalmologist as soon as possible.
- Self-Isolate from other people for 2-3 days before your surgery and clean your hands frequently.
- Your ophthalmologist's office will call you the day before surgery to pre-screen you.
- Do not eat** (including gum, candy or lozenges) after midnight the night before your surgery. You may brush your teeth.

If these guidelines are not followed, your surgery may be delayed or cancelled for safety reasons.

- Blood pressure and heart medications **should** be taken on the morning of your surgery with a sip of water.
- Follow **all** the eye drop instructions provided by your ophthalmologist.
- Do not wear make-up on the day of your eye surgery.
- Wear comfortable clothing (preferably a shirt that buttons completely down the front).
- Please leave valuables at home. **NYGH is not responsible** personal items e.g. jewelry, money, mobility aids.

** Post-operative instructions will be provided upon discharge

HOW TO FIND US

NYGH Minor Surgical Procedures and Elder Care Centre
Eye Surgery Centre
243 Consumers Road, Unit 300
Centre opens at 7 a.m.

Parking is available opposite the
Centre on William Sylvester Drive
for \$10/daily maximum

