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WOMEN'S MEDICAL GROUP OBSTETRICS – GYNECOLOGY – INFERTILITY

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Your surgery has been scheduled at Good Samaritan Hospital on ______ at _____. Please check in at ______ two (2) hours prior to your surgery time at the Admitting Desk in the lobby of the hospital. Good Samaritan Hospital is located at 2425 Samaritan Drive in San Jose, 95124. The hospital's main phone number is (408) 559-2011. The Good Samaritan Hospital web site is www.goodsamsj.org. If you have additional questions or concerns, call guest relations at 559-2480.

Do NOT have anything to eat or drink after midnight the night before surgery or 8 hours prior to surgery (including water). This is VERY IMPORTANT. If you have anything to eat or drink, your surgery may be CANCELLED! If you take any blood pressure medications on a regular basis, you will be asked to take only this medication with a sip of water at your regular time. You may discuss this with your physician or the anesthesiologist.

You should see your physician for a pre-operative appointment prior to your surgery. This appointment is scheduled on _______. Please bring a list of medications you are taking and any further questions to this appointment. If your recovery time will take you out of work more then eight (8) consecutive days, then you may be eligible for short-term disability. Ask the Human Resources department at your work about your personal disability benefits. They should have the information and application that you need to file for disability. Please complete your portion of the forms prior to bringing them to Los Olivos. Enclosed with this is **Disability Information**.

One to five days prior to surgery you will need to go to the hospital for pre-admission laboratory testing and admissions. Directions to the hospital admissions and laboratory and hours of operation are listed on the back of the pink PAT or "**Pre-admission Testing Form**". Take your insurance card with you. A hospital identification bracelet will be attached to your wrist when laboratory testing is done and should stay in place until you go home from the hospital. If you are an outpatient and your doctor marked the "No Pre-op Testing" box on your PAT form, then your pre-admitting can be done over the phone. Call the admitting department directly at (408) 559-2323.

Included are the **Preparing for Surgery** instructions which cover both inpatient & outpatient type surgeries. Depending on the planned surgery, some instructions may not apply to your surgical case. Other information included is A **Patient's Guide to Blood Transfusion** by the American Red Cross. We are required by law to distribute this. Your doctor will inform you if donating your own blood will benefit your care. Also enclosed is a brochure from the **Group Anesthesia Services**. If you have questions regarding insurance billing by the anesthesiologist, please contact them at 354-2114 or visit their website at <u>www.groupanesthesia.com</u>.

The **Surgical Financial Agreement** is enclosed for your review. This has the information obtained from your insurance company for surgeon's charges only. It is an estimate and not a guarantee of payment by your insurance company for surgical services. The insurance companies make their determinations for coverage & payment at the time the claim is received. For information on or about your coverage for the facility, anesthesiologist, lab or any other services related to your surgery please contact your insurance company, your human resources department, or the providers of each service directly for assistance.

Visit our web site at <u>www.lowmg.com</u>, for more information about the procedure and for helpful links to other sites. Please call our surgery scheduler Please call our surgery scheduler, Denny Gibo, at (408) 358-4849 <u>dgibo@lowmg.com</u> for any further assistance.