

# Having Surgery at Good Samaritan Hospital

## Where is Good Samaritan Hospital?

Please refer to maps on the reverse side for the location of the hospital and parking areas, as well as places within the hospital. Visit our web site for driving directions: [www.goodsamsanjose.com](http://www.goodsamsanjose.com).

## Where do I go for my surgery? (physician circle)

Pre-Surgery Admitting Outpatient/Children's Surgery Ctr.

## What do I do before my surgery?

- **Pre-operative testing:** Your physician may require pre-operative tests, an EKG or X-rays. If so, they must be completed three to five days before surgery. Tests can be performed in the hospital Clinical Laboratory (open Monday–Friday, 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. and Saturday 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.), EKG Department and/or Diagnostic Imaging (X-ray) Dept. (open 24 hours a day). Please be sure to bring your doctor's written order describing the pre-operative tests.
- **Pre-registration:** You may receive a call from our Admitting Department to complete pre-registration information.
- **Pre-operative information:** The day before your surgery, a nurse may call you to obtain a medical history, confirm your arrival time and location and answer any questions. If you have not been contacted by 1 p.m. on the day before surgery, please call us:  
Pre-Surgery Admitting: (408) 559-2462  
Outpatient/Children's Surgery Center: (408) 559-2157
- **Eating, drinking and smoking:** Please follow your physician's instructions about diet and preparation.
- **Anesthesia:** The anesthesiologist who will attend you during surgery may call you the night before. This will be an opportunity for you to give input and ask questions about your care.
- **In case of illness:** If you develop a cold, persistent cough, sore throat, fever or any other illness during the two days before surgery, please notify your physician immediately.
- **In case of pregnancy:** If you are pregnant or suspect you may be pregnant, please notify your physicians.
- **Medications:** If you usually take medications in the morning, ask your doctor if you should take them before surgery. If your doctor has advised you to do so, please take them with as little water as possible.
- **If you are diabetic:** Please follow your doctor's instructions about insulin or oral medication.

- **Personal hygiene:** You may bathe or shower and brush your teeth before coming to the hospital. Avoid swallowing any water. Do not use perfumes, creams or lotions.
- **Clothing:** Please wear comfortable, loose-fitting clothing. If you are having surgery above the waist, do not wear a pullover top. Wear shoes with low heels.
- **Hair:** Wear your hair loosely. Avoid using clips, pins and bands.

## What time should I get there? Where do I go?

Please follow your doctor's instructions about when to arrive. Come into the hospital through the East Entrance and follow the signs for Pre-Surgery Admitting or Outpatient/Children's Surgery Center, depending on where you have been instructed to go.

## What do I bring?

- Written orders from your doctor
- Insurance card
- Photo ID or Drivers License
- Any payment needed for co-pays, deductibles or cash pay procedures. MasterCard and VISA are accepted.
- A complete list of all medications you are currently taking, the dosage and how often you take them.
- Your insulin, if you are diabetic.
- Your inhaler, if you use one.
- Please leave all valuables, including jewelry, at home.
- If you use dentures, hearing aids, contact lenses and/or glasses, you may need to remove them prior to surgery. Please bring their cases for proper storage.

## May I have visitors?

One family member may stay with you before surgery. No small children please. During surgery, visitors may wait in our Surgery Waiting Room (see map), where the doctor will talk with them after surgery.

## Do I need someone to drive me home?

Yes. If you are going home the day of your surgery, make arrangements for an adult family member or friend to drive you home and stay with you for the first 24 hours.

## Questions?

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**We look forward to serving you.**

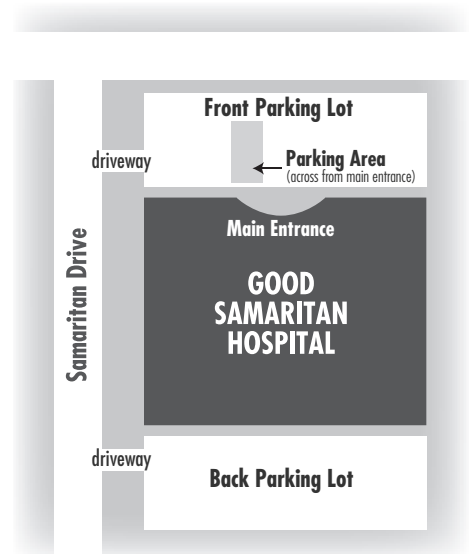
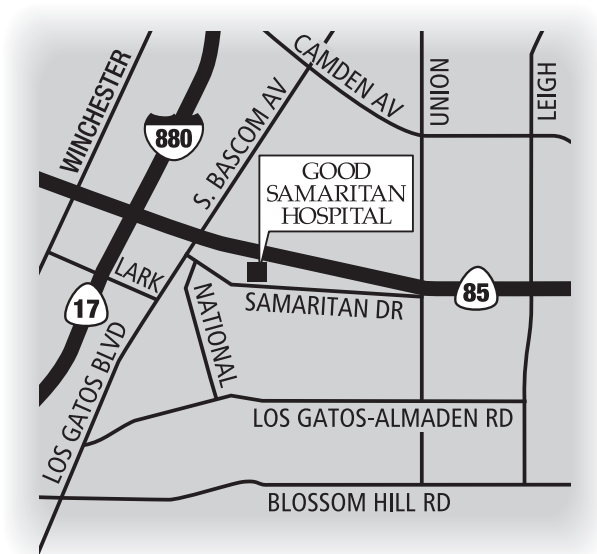
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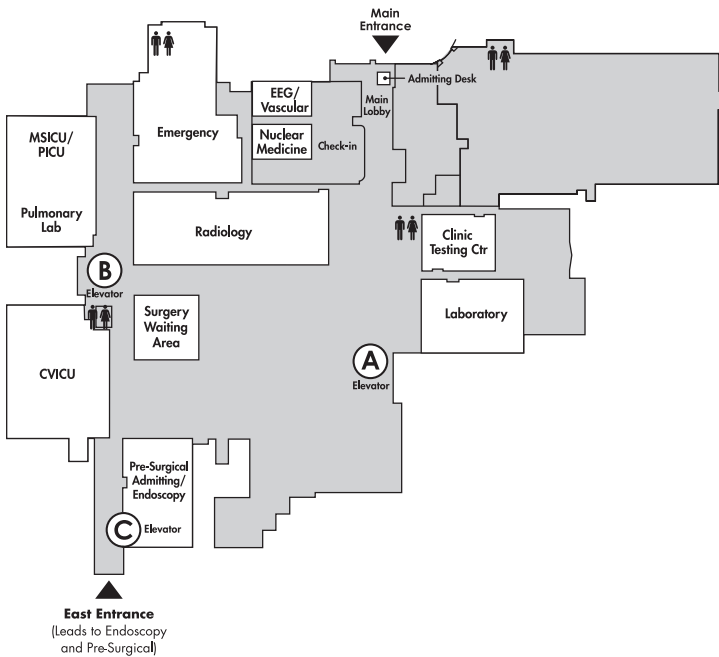
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### Good Samaritan Hospital First Floor



### Good Samaritan Hospital Basement

