

Medical Evaluation

A proper medical evaluation helps to reduce the risk of problems that may occur after surgery. These include blood clots, heart attack, stroke, breathing difficulties or infection.



Hospitalist

Your surgeon may recommend that you schedule a visit with our hospital specialist before your surgery. Our “hospitalist” physician and his staff of nurse practitioners and physician assistants, are trained to identify your risks for health problems related to the surgery and to reduce those risks so you may have a safe surgical experience.

It is very important to supply all medical information. Please bring the following information to your appointment:

- A completed medical history
- All medications you currently take in their original containers from the pharmacy.
- A list of ALL allergies (medications or other)
- Names and phone numbers of your cardiologist or other specialty doctors treating you for medical conditions.

Cardiologist

If you need further evaluation by your own cardiologist or a special test done by a cardiologist, the

hospitalist staff can help arrange for special testing or appointments and will evaluate the results and communicate them to your surgeon.

Primary Care Physician

If your medical clearance is to be done by your regular physician (PCP) instead of the hospitalist, your surgeon’s staff and the staff of the Pre Anesthesia Surgery Screening (PASS) department at IOH can provide information for your doctor to make sure that all necessary testing is done. This information will be gathered and reviewed by the PASS nurses at the hospital who will consult with the anesthesiologist for special concerns if needed.

PASS Program

The dedicated and trained nursing staff of the PASS program will try to contact you by phone, before your surgery, to review your medical history and to make sure that all necessary evaluations have been completed and reviewed.