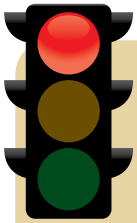
Medications Before Surgery

The following recommendations are provided to help you manage your medication concerns before surgery. Always check with your prescribing doctor if you are uncertain about any information.



Stop These Medications Before Surgery:

All Anti-Inflammatories
Stop one to two weeks before surgery including: Ibuprofen, Advil, Naprosyn, Naproxen , Relafen, Arthrotec, Daypro, Mobic, Motrin, Excedrin, Lodine, Nambumetone, Indocin, Aleve, Diclofenac, Piroxicam.

Aspirin
Check with your cardiologist about continuing aspirin if you are taking it to reduce the risk of heart attack or stroke.

Erectile Dysfunction (ED) Meds
STOP 72 hours before surgery (Cialis, Viagra, Levitra).

Estrogen Supplements
Stop two weeks before surgery. Stop ALL hormone replacements with estrogen, including Evista.

Stopping estrogen supplements is especially important for inpatient surgery.

Consult with a Physician Before Surgery:

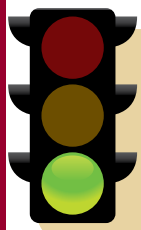
Coumadin and Plavix
Do this Right Away:
Check with your surgeon right away for instructions on how these medications will be managed for your surgery.

Insulin
For Day of Surgery:
Check with the physician that monitors your insulin or with the hospitalist staff about any adjustments needed the day of surgery.

Prednisone
Please tell your surgeon, anesthesiologist or the hospitalist staff about how much medication you are taking and how long you have been taking it.

Celebrex
Special Instructions:
Check with your surgeon about using Celebrex before surgery.

Blood Pressure Medications
Special Instructions:
You may be given specific instructions from the hospitalist staff or a PASS department nurse about taking your blood pressure meds before surgery. Do not adjust your medication schedule unless instructed to do so.



Acceptable Medications Before Surgery:

Tylenol / Tylenol Products
You may continue to use Tylenol or over the counter products with Tylenol up until the day of surgery.

Bring all medications in their original containers with you the day of surgery.

We may need to confirm the doses written on the container. We may need to use your medication for any drugs that our pharmacy does not carry.

Do Not use your own medications while at the hospital unless instructed by your physician.