

## Safe Surgery Plan

### HIPPA

Rest assured all your information is confidential. Your health information is protected under the health information privacy laws.

### Hand Washing

Frequent hand washing is the most effective way to prevent spreading communicable illnesses like colds, flu, skin infections or viruses. Our hand washing policy for staff protects YOU the patient as you go through many different areas in the hospital.

### Safe Surgery Plan

From the moment you arrive, the staff will begin a process known as our Safe Surgery Plan. This plan is designed to make sure that all the important information about you and your surgery is communicated to all staff involved in your surgical experience.

### Elements of a Safe Surgery Plan

- Confirming your name and date of birth throughout the surgery process.

- Identification wrist bands for your personal identification, for significant allergies and for any significant health information.
- Education for you and your family about proposed procedures and care issues for after surgery.
- Explaining procedures and obtaining consents for all proposed procedures including anesthesia and surgical procedures.
- Repeated confirmation of the correct site for surgery. You will be asked to mark the correct site for surgery with a marking pen on the day of surgery. Please do not draw pictures or write messages on that limb prior to the day of surgery. This process is repeated several times before your surgery.

For patient safety, IOH is ranked #1 in the Nation for Major Orthopaedic Surgery by CareChex, a division of The Delta Group, the nation's largest privately-held healthcare information service company.

Additional ratings received by CareChex include:

- #1 in the State for Overall Hospital Care for Patient Safety
- #1 in the State for Overall Surgical Care for Patient Safety
- #1 in the State for Major Orthopaedic Surgery for Patient Safety
- Top 10 percent in the Nation for Overall Hospital Care for Patient Satisfaction
- Top 10 percent in the Nation for Overall Medical Care for Patient Satisfaction
- Top 10 percent in the Nation for Overall Surgical Care for Patient Satisfaction



*Your safety is our #1 priority at IOH*