

## Your Care Team

Every part of your surgical experience requires coordinated efforts between many departments. Before you even enter the hospital there is a dedicated group of people who are preparing for YOUR arrival. All members of your care team are working to provide you the best possible experience here at IOH.

### You

You are the most important person on the care team. We need you to communicate openly about your needs, your questions and your concerns to other members of the care team so we can all work together towards a safe and successful surgery.

### Your Surgeon

Your surgeon and his staff oversee all phases of your surgery from the day you decide to have surgery until you are released from their care. Please ask questions about anything you don't understand.

### Anesthesiologists

Our staff anesthesiologists are board certified in anesthesia medicine and they work closely with your surgeon to provide you a safe and satisfying surgical experience. Our anesthesia team also works with your surgeon to determine if pain management procedures, done just before your surgery, are the right option for your pain management needs.

### Pharmacists

The pharmacy staff at IOH is here to meet your medication needs while you are at the hospital. They work with the doctors and nurses to make sure that the correct medications are safely delivered to you.

### Nursing

You will encounter a highly specialized and knowledgeable nursing staff throughout your stay at IOH. The pre-op nurses will get you ready for surgery, the surgical nurses assist the surgeon throughout the surgery, the recovery room and post-op nurses, will ensure your safety after surgery and if you stay overnight you will be cared for by the dedicated nursing staff of the inpatient unit on the second floor. We also have a trained staff of nursing assistants who work with the nurses to meet your care needs.

### Pastoral Care

The Pastoral Care Department at IOH has a trained and certified chaplain available to meet your spiritual needs as you prepare for and recover from surgery. Please let your nurse know if you would like to meet with the chaplain.

### Behind the Scenes

There is a small army of other people working hard to make your surgery the best experience possible. These include surgery technicians, housekeeping, dieticians, care managers, schedulers, maintenance specialists, supply staff and registration staff, all working together for YOU.

