FAQ for FPMUC

Q: How is an ASC different from a regular hospital?

A: An ASC is different from a traditional hospital in that it only services a few specialties. Typically procedures are same day, meaning there is no overnight stay.

Q: How early should I arrive before my procedure start time?

A: You should plan to arrive 10-15 minutes before your procedure start time.

Q: Do I need someone to drive me to my procedure?

A: None of our procedures use sedation or anesthesia that would require someone to drive you to or home from your procedure. If you take prescription narcotic pain medication or anxiety medication prior to your procedure, you will need someone to transport you to and from your procedure appointment.

Q: How long will my procedure take?

A: Typically procedures are 45 minutes or less. A few more specialized procedures take 1-2 hours. Check with your doctor for more specifics about your procedure.

Q: Can I eat or drink prior to my procedure?

A: Yes, eating a light meal prior to your procedure is recommended, as well as drinking water to stay hydrated.

Q: Can my family accompany me into the procedure?

A: Typically we recommend that family members wait in the waiting room, but due to the sensitive nature of our procedures, we do allow family members to accompany patients for comfort if approved by the physician performing the procedure.

Q: Are there any special medications I should take/not take prior to my procedure?

A: The ASC nurse will discuss specifics regarding medications for your procedure during a pre-procedure phone call that takes place typically 1-2 weeks prior to your appointment. Voicemails with instructions will be left for patients unable to answer the call. Please do not hesitate to call the office if you have specific questions about medications at 610-435-9575 (option 5).

Q: Will the procedure be painful?

A: Overall, patients tolerate the procedures in our ASC well, with minimal discomfort. We have several protocols in place to help make the process as comfortable as possible, but cannot guarantee it will be completely pain free. Please do not hesitate to call the office if you have specific questions about pain management during your procedure at 610-435-9575 (option 5).