



Information Sheet - Pre Admission Process and Criteria Bunbury Hospital

Inclusions

- All Overnight/23hr/same day stay patients requiring general, regional or local anaesthetic with sedation
- Patients requiring elective surgery/procedure requiring presence of an anaesthetist e.g. Cataracts.

Other health concerns (but not limited to) -

- Age > 60yrs
- Previous issues with anaesthetics
- Blood pressure
- Heart problems
- Asthma/breathing problems e.g. emphysema, COPD, sleep apnoea
- Diabetes
- Epilepsy
- Multiple prescription medications >5
- Blood thinning medications
- Bariatric – weight > 120kg
- Hospitalisation outside of WA within the previous 12mths
- Smoking/alcohol/recreational drugs

For ALN consideration (but not limited to) -

- Resident in age care facility
- High care residents requiring hoist
- Patients with disabilities
- Patients with social issues e.g. no overnight support post DPU

Booked appointments

Schedule appointments within the following prior to admission time frames:-

- Day procedure/DP23 – any time available prior to admission
- Major surgery e.g. Total Joint Replacement, Bowel Resection etc. at least 2 weeks prior to day of Surgery desirable, if admission to elective waitlist within this time frame is completed

Telephone appointments

- For patients living in regional areas.
- To be booked by Elective Waitlist staff based on Pre Admission / Anaesthetics and Process Criteria.
- Criteria as per above (with the exception of joint replacement patients) and provided that the patient is prepared to arrange to have an ECG done – this can be brought in on day of admission or faxed to waitlist office.
- Any other major surgery where a patient is unable to attend an appointment must be approved by ALN prior.

Interpreter needs

- An interpreter is not required for appointment with ALN **if** the patient has an English speaking friend or relative prepared to attend appointment.
- ALN will arrange for interpreting services as required post pre admission appointment.

Excluded Procedures

- Flexible cystoscopies
- Podiatry
- Cardioversion
- Maternity

Pre Admission appointment time frames

PROCEDURES	EXAMPLE	ALN	ANAESTHETIST
Joint replacements	Hip/knee/shoulder	60mins	15mins
Major bowel surgery	Anterior resection AP resection Ultra low ant. resection Hemi colectomy	60mins	15mins
Surgery requiring overnight stay or DP23hr unit		30mins	15mins
Day procedures if requiring anaesthetic or sedation and answering yes to health concerns as previously stated	Colonoscopy Endoscopy/gastroscopy Bronchoscopy Rigid cystoscopy	30mins	Appointment not necessary unless requested by surgeon
Interpreting services incl. signing for hearing impaired	All procedures	60mins	ALN to arrange interpreting services for DOS

- Process to be used in conjunction with the Elective Surgery Access and Waiting List Policy

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