

## **DRIVER / ESCORT INSTRUCTIONS**

As a patient of Laser and Surgery Center (LSC), your safety is of concern to us. You may be receiving intravenous sedation as part of your surgical procedure and while those medications wear off over time, you will still be under the effects of them when you leave our facility. It is likely that your reflexes, responses to questions and general thinking will be slower than usual when you are ready for discharge.

Because of these risks we have adopted strict procedures and guidelines and failure to follow these will result in cancellation of this procedure and a rescheduling to another date when you can comply with our guidelines.

Read the following information <u>AND</u> share this with your care givers and drivers prior to the date of your planned surgery.

- 1. You **must** have a responsible adult escort/driver, age 18 or older. This person **must stay within 15 minutes of LSC.** Ask your driver NOT to make appointments or plans for the entire time you are scheduled at our facility. DO NOT plan to phone your driver for pick-up. Your driver must remain close to LSC.
- 2. Your driver's cell phone number must be provided at check-in. If you have questions about this requirement, please contact us at 360-456-7077.
- 3. The amount of time you spend at the center will vary due to case volume and unforeseen circumstances.
- 4. Public transportation, such as city bus, is NOT an acceptable form of transportation home after your surgery.
- 5. If you are planning private transportation such as taxi, Dial-A-Lift, Panorama Transport or Paratransit, in addition to their driver **you still must have an additional escort with you.**
- 6. All patients receive written discharge instructions and information regarding their procedure. While you physician will talk with you briefly following your procedure, you may not remember part or all of that conversation due to the effects of the medications you have received.

Thank you,

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