



**Robotic Assisted Prostatectomy**  
**Day of Surgery-Frequently Asked Questions**

**1. How do I need to dress and what do I need to bring with me for the hospital stay?**

The morning of surgery, you can come dressed in comfortable clothing. Please bring a list of medications and dosages. You should bring an overnight bag with toiletries, slip on shoes, robe, loose fitting tops, and drawstring/elastic-waist pants. You should leave valuables at home. You may wish to leave your overnight bag in the car, as you will not need it until your room is ready. Your companion can retrieve the bag from the car once your room is assigned.

**2. What happens in the pre-operative area?**

In the pre-op area, a nurse will place an IV, take your vitals, and review your medications and medical history. You will meet with the anesthesiologist to discuss the anesthetic process and go over any questions or concerns. One to two people can accompany you to the pre-op area and may remain with you until you are taken to the operating area. Your companion will take your belongings once you have changed in the pre-op area and hang on to them until you are taken to your assigned room after surgery.

**3. How long does the procedure last?**

The procedure typically lasts from 2 ½ -3 hours in the operating room.

Anesthesia: 30 minutes

Surgery: 1 ½-2 hours

Closing incisions and moving patient to the recovery area: 30 minutes

**4. When will my companion hear from my physician post –surgery?**

Your physician will speak with your companion in the surgery waiting area after surgery. Your companion will also receive a call during surgery updating her/him on the progression of the surgery.

**5. When can my companion come visit me?**

Your companion may visit you when you are transferred from the recovery room to your room.

**6. When will my companion know my assigned room number?**

Your companion will obtain the assigned room number from the waiting room attendant.

**7. Can my companion spend the night with me in the assigned room?**

One adult is permitted to spend the night in the room.

**8. When do I get discharged from the hospital?**

Patients usually get discharged from the hospital 1-2 days after surgery.

**9. I live out of town. Do I have to stay locally once I get discharged from the hospital?**

Once discharged from the hospital, you do not need to stay locally if you have a companion to drive you to your destination. Patients who have catheter **ARE NOT** allowed to drive.

**10. When do I return to the office for my follow-up appointment?**

Instructions for follow-up will be included in the discharge paperwork.

**\*\*\*If you have any non-emergency health questions, please call your physician's office.**

**\*\*\*For any emergency health concerns, please call 911.**