Preparing the Patient for Surgery

The Evening Before Surgery

1. **Obtain informed consent for procedure (MR-33)**
   - Have Patient sign on both the Procedure Consent (MR-33) and Anesthesia Consent (MR-32)
   - Verify what is needed on Consent with Physician’s order.
   - No abbreviations (Lap Chole, L or R, TMR, etc) See Surgical Abbreviations Tool on Nursing Website: www.saintjosephnurses.org
   - Ensure correct surgeon on consent
   - Witness all lines appropriately
   - Obtain other consents as indicated:
     - Blood Administration (MR-633)
     - Blood Refusal (MR-655)
     - Limb Disposal (MR-23)

2. **Implement Anesthesia Protocol (MR-123 SJH Only)**
   - Make patient NPO
   - Order necessary lab work
   - Order oral preoperative medications for administration in the a.m.

3. **Complete Physician Orders**
   - Pull Prophylactic Antibiotic Protocol orders as indicated per procedure and order the appropriate dose of antibiotic
   - Pull the surgeon’s standing orders and implement
   - Ensure labs per anesthesia protocol and surgeon order are drawn in time to have results 2 hours prior to surgery time

4. **Start Perioperative Flow Sheet- Preop Checklist (MR-529 9/05)**
   - SJH Campus: Note if Patient has an AICD implanted. If so, call the OR at 1133 and have them notify the representative the patient is having surgery
   - SJE Campus: Note if Patient has an AICD and or pacemaker implanted. If so, call the OR at 5715 and have them notify the representative the patient is having surgery

5. **Ensure family is informed**
   - Educated patient and family about the potential schedule changes
   - Have a contact number for family member should the surgery schedule change

The Morning of Surgery

1. **Prepare the Patient for Transport**
   - When indicated, check glucose and treat per the Diabetes Protocol
   - Ensure the patient is wearing only a hospital gown.
   - Remove dentures, partial plates, jewelry, glasses and contacts.
   - Chart final disposition of belongings.
   - Give p.o. Pepcid and Reglan when the preop call is made.
   - DO NOT start “on call” antibiotics. Spike and send to OR with the patient
   - Give all routine meds unless ordered to be held by the physician including antibiotics.
   - If patient is taking Beta-Blocker ensure it has been taken in the past 24 hours

2. **Prepare the Chart**
   - Complete the checklist on the Perioperative Flow Sheet checklist (MR-529-9/05)
   - Put MAR and Medication Reconciliation sheets on the chart.