

Century Ear, Nose and Throat Head and Neck Surgery

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PRE-OPERATIVE INFORMATION

You or one of your family members is about to be scheduled for surgery. Please read this handout CAREFULLY.

INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR SURGERY

Prior to scheduling the surgery, it is important that you call your insurance company. Find out if a second opinion is necessary; whether your insurance will cover the surgery and how much it will cover. Your doctor will discuss the postoperative care instructions and the scheduling of outpatient visits with you. Ask your doctor about the time needed away from work for recovery.

BILLING FOR SURGERY

Your bill will reflect several different charges for the use of the operating room, anesthesia, recovery room, hospitalization (if necessary), and medications. Your doctor's bill will be separate from these bills. It is important that you are aware that insurance companies will pay only the **minimum** charge established in your community area for the surgeon's fee in any given procedure. Your doctor's bill may be higher than what your insurance coverage will pay. **YOU** are responsible for any amount the insurance company will not pay. If necessary, special arrangements can be made to allow for bill payments to be paid on a time basis. It is expected that all fees will be paid. Please let us know if you need more information concerning this matter.

GENERAL INFORMATION FOR SURGERY

Please do not take aspirin or any medication related to aspirin such as Anacin, Bufferin, Bayer, Empirin, Excedrin, Advil, ibuprofen, Nuprin or Motrin a week before your surgery. Tylenol (acetaminophen) can be taken.

IMPORTANT: If the person who is scheduled for surgery has a cold a few days before the surgery, please call (708) 460-0007 so appropriate medication can be given. This can prevent surgery from being canceled.

Date

Signature