

# Patient's Rights & Responsibilities

## RIGHTS OF THE PATIENT:

- Every patient has the right to courtesy, respect, dignity, privacy, responsiveness, and timely attention to his/her needs regardless of age, race, sex, national origin, religion, cultural, or physical handicap, personal value and beliefs.
- Every patient has the right to every consideration of his privacy and individuality as it relates to his/her social, religious and psychological well-being.
- Every patient has the right to confidentiality. Every patient has the right to approve or refuse the release of medical information to any individual outside the facility, except in the case of transfer to another health facility, or as required by law or third party payment contract.
- Every patient has the right to express grievances or complaints without fear of reprisals.
- Every patient is to has the right to continuity of healthcare. The physician may not discontinue treatment of a patient as long as further treatment is medically indicated, without giving the patient sufficient opportunity to make alternative arrangements.
- Every patient is to be provided complete information regarding diagnosis, treatment and prognosis, as well as alternative treatments or procedures and the possible risk and side effects associated with treatment. If medically inadvisable to disclose information to the patient, the information is to be given to a person designated by the patient or to a legally authorized individual.
- Every patient has the right to make decisions regarding the heath care that is recommended by the physician. The patient may accept or refuse any recommended medical treatment.
- Every patient has the right to be informed of any research or experimental projects and to refuse participation without compromise to the patient's usual care.
- Every patient has the right to appropriate treatment and care to include the assessment/management of pain.
- Every patient has the right to understand facility charges. You have the right to an explanation of all facility charges related to your health care.
- Every patient has the right to all resuscitative measures; therefore we will not honor Advance Directives.
- Every patient has the right to participate in their health care treatment and decisions.

## RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE PATIENT:

- Patients are responsible to be honest and direct about matters that relate to them, including answering questions honestly and completely.
- Patients are responsible to provide accurate past and present medical history, present complaints. Past illnesses, hospitalizations, surgeries, existence of advance directive, medication and other pertinent data.
- Agree to accept all caregivers without regard to race, color, religion, sex, age, gender preference, handicap, or national origin.
- Patients are responsible for assuring that the financial obligations for health care rendered are paid in a timely manner.
- Patients are responsible for signing required consents and releases as needed.
- Patients are responsible for their actions if they should refuse a treatment or procedure, or if they do not follow or understand the instructions given them by the physician or the centers employees.
- Patients are responsible for keeping their procedure appointment. If they anticipate a delay or must cancel, they will notify the center as soon as possible.
- Patients are responsible for the disposition of their valuables, as the center does not assume the responsibility.
- Patients are responsible for being respectful of others, or other people's property and the property of the center.
- Patients are to observe safety and no smoking regulations.
- Patients must have a responsible adult over the age of 18 to accompany them to the facility, and drive them home after the procedure. Then stay with them for 24 hours after surgery for patient's SAFETY.

## PATIENT COMPLAINT OR GRIEVANCE:

Administrator by phone at 954.703.3000 or by mail to the center address.

Complaints and grievances may also be filed through the Agency for Health Care Administration, Consumer Assistance Unit, in writing at: 32727 Mahan Drive/BLDG.1 Tallahassee, FL 32308 OR by phone at 1.888.419.3456 (press 2). You can also access the new online Medicaid complaint form webpage: <http://ahca.myflorida.com/Medicaid/complaints>

You may contact AAAHC by mail at: Accreditation Association for: Ambulatory Health Care, INC.

3 Parkway North Blvd, Ste 201, Deerfield, IL 60015

All Medicare beneficiaries may also file a complaint or grievance with the Medicare Beneficiary Ombudsman. Website: <https://www.cms.gov/center/special-topic/ombudsman/medicare-beneficiary-ombudsman-home>

## Directions

Weston Outpatient Surgical Center is conveniently located on the first floor of the Weston Medical Surgical Pavilion. From I-95 take I-595 west to I-75 South to Royal Palm Blvd. (Exit 15), make a right at the first traffic light onto Weston Road. Make a right at the first traffic light onto North Commerce Parkway (approximately 1/4 mile), and then it is the second left into Commerce Lakes Professional Center.



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## General Information

Weston Outpatient Surgical Center is licensed by the State of Florida and was established by clinical personnel to offer safe, high-quality surgical care. You will find that because the center specializes in outpatient surgery, our patients enjoy many advantages including personalized service and excellent medical care.

## Specialties

- Orthopedic/Sports Medicine
- Spine
- Joint Replacements
- Podiatry/Foot and Ankle
- Hand and Upper Extremity
- Plastic/Cosmetic Surgery
- Gastroenterology
- Pain Management
- General Surgery
- Urology

## Before Your Surgery

A nurse from the center will contact you prior to your surgery to review your health history, medications and pre-operative instructions.

Please notify your surgeon if there is a change in your physical condition such as cold, flu, fever, chest pain, cough, or respiratory problems. As it might be wise to reschedule your procedure when you are better.

**Do not eat or drink anything after midnight the night before your operation, including no hard candy or cigarettes.**

If your child is the patient, please be careful to monitor this. Also, please follow any other special instructions your surgeon may have given you. Failure to follow these instructions may result in cancellation of your surgery.



**Please be sure to tell your surgeon if you are on any type of blood thinners or aspirin.**

Please do not take any medications after midnight unless instructed by your surgeon or the nurse at our center.

**It is extremely important to arrange for a responsible adult to accompany you to Weston Outpatient Surgical Center and remain with you the first 24 hours after surgery.**

## Day of Surgery

- Wear loose, comfortable clothing that is large enough to accommodate a bandage after surgery. Wear comfortable shoes preferably closed toe shoes such as tennis shoes or running shoes. Preferably no slip ons or flip flops.
- You will need to change into a surgical gown once you are in the pre-op area.
- Do not wear any jewelry (including body piercing), makeup or cologne. Do not bring any valuables with you other than a photo ID, insurance cards, form of payment, and cell phone.
- Wearing contact lenses are NOT advised. You should wear glasses, or bring contact case/solution to remove them in pre-op area. We provide containers for removable dentures and bridgework.
- If your child is having surgery, feel free to bring a favorite stuffed animal or security blanket for added assurance.

## After Your Surgery

You will be discharged to your car by wheelchair. **If anesthesia has been administered, you must have a responsible adult present to drive you home and to care for you following surgery.**

**Uber is not an acceptable mode of transportation unless accompanied BY A RESPONSIBLE ADULT.**

Your physician will provide post-operative instructions regarding diet, rest, exercise and medications. You will be provided with a written summary of these discharge instructions.

A nurse from the surgery center will attempt to call you the day after your surgery to check on your progress and discuss any questions you may have. If you have any unexpected problems, please call your doctor.

**If he/she does not respond, please go to the nearest emergency room.**

## Advance Directives

- All patients have the right to participate in their own health care decisions and to make Advance Directives or to execute Powers of Attorney that authorize others to make decisions on their behalf based on the patient's expressed wishes when the patient is unable to make decisions or unable to communicate decisions the center respects and upholds those rights.
- However, unlike in an acute care hospital setting, the center, does not routinely perform "high risk" procedures. While no surgery is without risk, the procedures performed in this facility are considered to be of minimal risk. You will discuss the specifics of your procedure with your physician who can answer your questions as to its risk, your expected recovery, and care after your surgery.
- Therefore, it is our policy, regardless of the contents of any Advance Directive or instructions from a health care surrogate or attorney in fact, that if an adverse event occurs during your treatment at this facility, we will initiate resuscitative or other stabilizing measures and transfer you to an acute care hospital for further evaluation. At the acute care hospital further treatments or withdrawal of treatment measures already begun will be ordered in accordance with your wishes, Advance Directive, or health care power of attorney. Your agreement with this facility's policy will not revoke or invalidate any current health care directive or health care power of attorney.

- If you wish to complete an Advance Directive, copies of the official State forms are available at our facility or if you wish to complete an Advance Directive, copies of official state forms are available at <http://www.fhca.org/consumer/health>

Reference: Department of Health and Human Services, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services. State Operations Manual, Appendix L-Guidance for Surveyors: Ambulatory Surgical Centers. March 15, 2013:416.50(c).

## Helpful Reminders

**Please limit the number of family or friends who come with you. Seating is very limited.**

If your travel distance is more than 30 minutes, put one or two pillows in your car so you can elevate the operative extremity.

Females will need to give a urine sample for a pregnancy test pre-operatively.

If you or your family need the services of a foreign-language or hearing impaired interpreter, please call to arrange for one at no cost to you **prior to the day of surgery.**

## Billing Information

You will be informed about any coinsurance due for your surgery during your pre-operative call. This amount will be collected during the registration process prior to procedure/surgery. We accept cash, checks, and major credit cards.

After surgery Weston Outpatient Surgical Center will submit your bill to your insurance company.

**You will receive a separate bill from your doctor, anesthesiologist and/or pathologist.**

Please do not hesitate to contact our business office with any concerns or questions regarding your coinsurance obligation and/or payment options regarding Weston Outpatient Surgical Center bill.



**Thank you for choosing Weston Outpatient Surgical Center. Please don't hesitate to call us at 954.703.3000 should you have any questions.**

## DISCLOSURE OF OWNERSHIP

Your physician may have financial interest in Weston Outpatient Surgical Center.