

### Financial Arrangements

- When registering you will need to provide your current medical insurance or Medicare information. We will submit your insurance claim for you.
- If you have insurance, you will need to pay the co-insurance and deductible amounts.
- If you do not have medical insurance, payment can be made by check, money order or credit card. **Please do not bring cash as a form of payment for your procedure.**
- You will be billed separately for diagnostic testing, your surgeon's fees and fees associated with anesthesiology, radiology and/or pathology involved with your procedure.

COORDINATED SERVICES

COMFORTABLE SETTING

CONVENIENT LOCATION

THE BELMONT/HARLEM SURGERY CENTER proudly offers you compassionate, high-quality care in a comfortable, outpatient setting. Our Center provides coordinated services at one convenient location. You will complete all services including patient registration, medical history and surgery, all within the same day and in the same building.

### WHY CHOOSE AN OUTPATIENT SURGERY CENTER

Because of recent technological advances, many surgical procedures that once required a hospital stay can now be performed safely and conveniently in an outpatient setting. These procedures generally result in a faster recovery time.

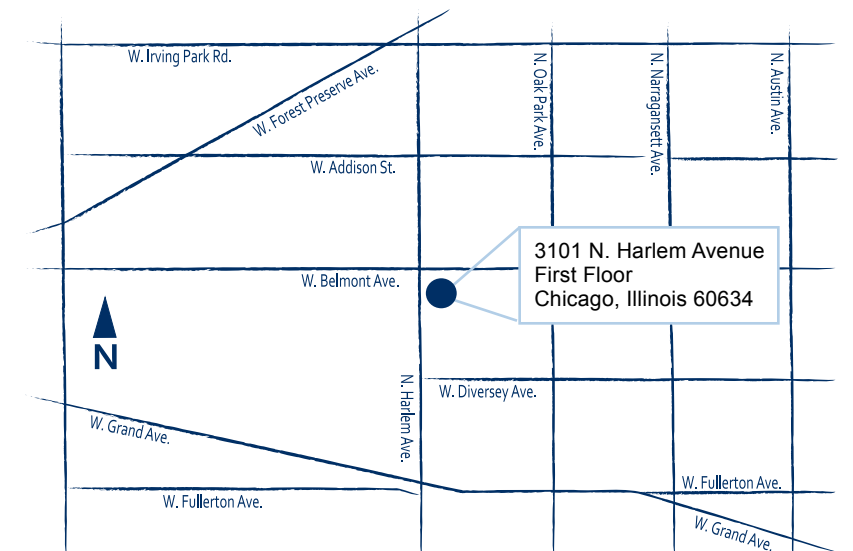
When you choose the Belmont/Harlem Surgery Center for your outpatient surgery needs, you can feel confident in your selection. We offer our patients:

- Specially-trained, highly-skilled surgeons credentialed by the Surgery Center, who are also medical staff members at various Chicagoland hospitals and medical centers.
- A dedicated staff of registered nurses, licensed practical nurses, medical assistants and technicians who operate under the direction of a board-certified medical director.

- Four state-of-the-art surgical suites, a patient reception and recovery room, as well as a registration and waiting area for your family members.
- Participation in Medicare and most insurance plans.
- A Surgery Center that is licensed and regulated by the Illinois Department of Public Health and certified by the Healthcare Facilities Accreditation Program (HFAP).



The Belmont/Harlem Surgery Center is a physician-owned joint-venture with Resurrection Health Care. Your physician may be an investor in the Belmont/Harlem Surgery Center.



## A BETTER ALTERNATIVE FOR OUTPATIENT SURGERY

The Belmont/Harlem Surgery Center offers a cost-effective, high quality convenient alternative for many outpatient procedures. A freestanding facility located on Chicago's Northwest Side, the Surgery Center is licensed in a range of surgical specialties. Some of the most commonly performed procedures include:

Ear, Nose and Throat	Orthopaedic
Gastroenterology	Pain Management
General Surgery	Plastic Surgery
Gynecology	Podiatry
Neurosurgery	Urogynecology
Ophthalmology	Urology

### HOURS

Monday – Friday, 7:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

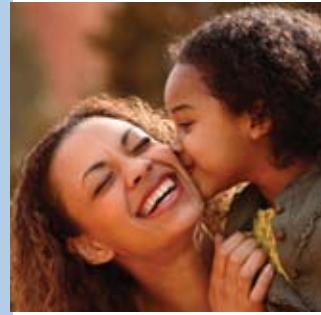
#### PATIENT REMINDER:

Your surgery is scheduled for

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at \_\_\_\_\_ a.m./p.m.

Please enter at 3115 N. Harlem Avenue.



The following instructions will help you to get ready for your upcoming surgery. Please contact the Belmont/Harlem Surgery Center at (773) 889-2000 if you have any questions or concerns.

#### Pre-operative information

- Our nurse will contact you 24-48 hours before your surgery to confirm your scheduled time as well as to remind you of pre-operative instructions. **If you do not receive a message from our nurse 24 hours before your scheduled appointment, please contact us at (773) 889-2000 to confirm.**
- Our guidelines require that you receive written and verbal instructions about your patient rights and responsibilities, Advanced Directives and financial interest at least 24 hours prior to your surgery date.
- Pre-operative laboratory tests may be required. If these tests are required, please forward your results to the Center **at least three days prior to your scheduled surgery.**
- If you experience symptoms of illness during the two days prior to surgery, please contact your surgeon to discuss.

- DO NOT eat or drink anything, including water, after midnight (12 a.m.) on the day of surgery, unless otherwise directed by your surgeon.
- **Plan to arrive at least one hour before** your scheduled procedure.
- Make arrangements for a responsible adult to remain with you at the Surgery Center and take you home. **The presence of a designated adult driver is required for post-operative transportation and should remain in the Surgery Center during your procedure.**
- **Parents of minors must remain in the waiting room during their child's surgery.**

#### Preparing for your procedure

- Leave all valuables at home.
- Remove all make-up and jewelry.
- Wear loose-fitting, comfortable clothing.
- You should bathe or shower the morning of your surgery. Brush your teeth but **do not swallow** the water used to rinse your mouth.
- Bring a list of medications you take regularly.

#### Upon arrival

- Check in at the registration desk. Please be sure to bring your insurance card, a photo ID and any requested forms.
- You will be escorted to an area to change into a surgery gown and any necessary pre-operative testing will be completed.
- You will be asked to remove contact lenses, hearing aids and **dentures**.
- An anesthesiologist will consult with you prior to your procedure.

#### After your procedure

- You will be taken to the Post-Anesthesia Care Unit, where trained nurses will monitor your vital signs until you are allowed to return home.
- Before you are discharged, you will be served a light snack.
- Our nurse will personally review your post-operative instructions with you.

#### Post-operative follow up

- Our recovery staff will contact you within 24-72 hours following your procedure. If you have any questions prior to that call, we ask that you contact your physician.
- It is important for you to follow your physician's instructions regarding diet, medications, bathing, driving and activity. Contact your physician if you experience complications.
- We encourage you to eat lightly and to avoid high fat foods for the first 24 hours after your procedure.