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# **Pre-Op Instructions**

## Foot & Ankle Surgery

### 1. Two Weeks Before Surgery:

- Medications to Stop: Stop taking <u>blood thinners</u>, <u>aspirin</u>, <u>fish oil</u>, <u>and</u> <u>Weight-Loss medications</u>.
  - DO NOT STOP TAKING ANY MEDICATIONS WITHOUT SPEAKING WITH YOUR SURGICAL COORDINATOR
- **Health Check:** Ensure any infections, cuts, or wounds are treated before surgery.

#### 2. One Week Before Surgery:

- **Pre-Surgical Testing:** Complete any required blood tests, EKG, or X-rays.
- **Diet:** Eat a balanced diet and stay hydrated.

## 3. Day Before Surgery:

- **Fasting:** Do not eat or drink anything after midnight unless instructed otherwise by your doctor.
- **Hygiene:** Bathe or shower and wash the surgical area with antibacterial soap.

## 4. Day of Surgery:

- **Arrival Time:** Arrive at the hospital or surgical center at the time given by them. Coming early is always recommended to complete paperwork/registration
- **Clothing:** Wear loose, comfortable clothing and leave valuables at home.
- **Medications:** Take any prescribed medications with a small sip of water if instructed by your doctor.