



Spine & Trauma Institute | Hand & Trauma Institute | Advanced Center for Excellence in Spine Surgery

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· Spinal Surgery
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Pre-Op Instructions

Spine Surgery

1. Two Weeks Before Surgery:

- **Medications to Stop:** Stop taking **blood thinners, aspirin, fish oil, and Weight-Loss medications.**
 - 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:

- **Stool Softener(Colace: Over-the-Counter):** To prevent constipation, please begin taking a stool softener for 2 days prior to your scheduled surgery, then continue this after surgery. If you've not had a bowel movement within 2-3 days, you may try a laxative (Dulcolax Suppositories, Fleet Enema, Citrate of magnesia) in combination with the original stool softener.
 - *****IF YOU DON'T HAVE A BOWEL MOVEMENT AFTER THE ABOVE REGIMEN, PLEASE CALL OUR OFFICE AT 201-833-9500.*****
- **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.