

Radical Prostatectomy

Radical Prostatectomy is a surgical procedure that involves the removal of the prostate gland.

PREPARING FOR SURGERY: THINGS YOU SHOULD KNOW

- You will be admitted to the hospital the day of your surgery. You will spend an average of 3-5 days in the hospital.
- If you are on COUMADIN, ASPIRIN, IBUPROFEN, or DRUGS for ARTHRITIS or INFLAMMATION please make sure our office is aware.
- If you take blood pressure medication, you may take it with a sip of water the morning of your surgery.
- If you take ANTIBIOTICS prior to dental work or have an orthopedic prosthesis or you were told by another physician to take antibiotics prior to surgery please call the office.
- No eating or drinking after midnight the night before your surgery except for blood pressure or heart medicine as mentioned above.
- No alcohol 24 hours prior to surgery.
- We suggest you wear comfortable clothing.
- You will be receiving anesthesia for this surgery. There are several types of anesthesia such as general (which puts you to sleep) and epidural (which numbs the area being operated on). You will see an anesthesiologist who will discuss this with you prior to your surgery.

RECOVERING FROM SURGERY: WHAT TO EXPECT

- You will awake from surgery with a catheter in your penis, which drains urine from your bladder. This allows your urinary tract to rest and recover. The catheter must remain in place for two weeks so you will be going home with it. The physicians and nurses will explain all this during your hospital stay.
- You will have one or two drainage tubes coming out of your lower abdomen, which prevents fluid build up and infection. These tubes will be in place for one to three days. It is often removed prior to discharge. If you go home with these tubes, the physicians and nurses will explain all this during your hospital stay.
- You will be given pain medication in the hospital to relieve your discomfort and to help stimulate your appetite within a few days.