What to Expect for Your Prostate Surgery
(TURP: Transurethral Resection of the Prostate)

A nurse from the surgery center will call you 1-2 days in advance to obtain a health history and to give you instructions about having surgery.

When you arrive at the center you will be taken to a room where you will remain before surgery and after the recovery room.

An IV will be started before your surgery; it will remain in until your ready to go home.

Your surgery will take approximately 45 min. to 1 hour. After surgery you will be in the recovery room for approximately 30 minutes and then returned to the room you started in.

After returning to your room, 2 family members will be able to stay with you until you go home.

Some one must stay with you the night of surgery.

What to Expect When You Wake Up From Surgery

A urinary catheter will be inserted during surgery to drain your bladder. Your doctor or his nurse will remove the catheter at a later date.

You may have bleeding and clot formation after surgery indicating a need to irrigate your catheter. We will instruct you on this and give you the supplies prior to discharge.

You may have traction to your catheter, meaning, that it is taped to your leg to help control bleeding post-op. The traction will be removed the next morning by the home health nurse.

Pain medication will be given to control your discomfort, by injection and/or orally.

You will be given fluids to drink as tolerated.

You may experience a burning sensation or a need to urinate. These are normal reactions resulting from the catheter.

Prior to Discharge

You will be assisted to walk in the hallway and be able to keep down fluids before you are released.

The prescription your doctor gives you will be called to the pharmacy of your choice.

We will arrange for 2 home health visits, one the evening you are released and one for the next morning. The home health nurse will check your vital signs, reinforce catheter care and irrigation. The second visit will be the same except the traction will be removed if you have it.

If you prefer a specific home health agency please let us know when we call before surgery.

If you have any other questions you can call us at 816-364-2772.