# **Surgery Deposit**

In order to make sure someone will be available to assist during your upcoming procedure, we require a refundable deposit to hold your reservation. We ask that your payment be made two weeks prior to surgery.

If you are unable to make the deposit, let us know and we will release the reservation. Your Doctor will be notified to allow them time to make alternative arrangements or reschedule if necessary.

The current deposit rate for surgery is \$300 for the first hour and \$100 per hour thereafter. We will bill your insurance company for the services we render. We will issue a refund to you for any amount paid in excess of your "Patient Responsibility" as determined by your plan benefits.

# We Will Be In Touch

We request that you visit our website to review our detailed billing policies as well as your surgery consent forms. You will receive a phone call from our Billing Manager, Amber Marty, who will answer any questions you may have and collect payment for your surgery deposit over the phone. Amber will also send an email with your consent forms which can be electronically signed and sent back prior to surgery.

If you need to set up a payment plan, please notify us in advance to discuss your options.

If you need to speak with Amber or a provider as soon as possible; please call, text, or email us. Detailed contact information can be found below, or on our website.

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# **Surgery Expectations**

First Assists provide a number of services before the operation begins. This work includes:

Re-checking your records to be sure all necessary precautions have been taken.

Coordinating with a multidisciplinary team of professionals to ensure the appropriate equipment, instrumentation, medications, and implants are available based on your Physicians preferences.

Positioning your body to prevent injury, while optimizing accessibility and visualization of the target anatomy.

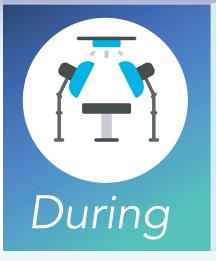


Before

# What is a First Assist?

Your Physician has determined that your upcoming surgery will require a First Assist. The First Assist, also referred to as the Assistant Surgeon, has undergone advanced training by Surgeons to perform in a supportive role during surgical procedures.

Assistants may be nonsurgical physicians, allied health professionals, or nurses. First Assists work with a wide range of surgeons across a variety of specialties daily. This cross specialization proves to be an invaluable asset to surgeons.



The most important role of the Assistant during surgery is to maintain optimal visualization for the primary surgeon through a variety of techniques such as:

Retracting, Identifying and protecting vital structures and organs, Clamping and cauterizing tissue and blood vessels to minimize blood loss, Irrigating, Suctioning, Suturing, Stabilizing fractures and fragile tissue, Monitoring the continued sterility of the operative field, Delivering medications intra operatively.

Often times, the primary Surgeon delegates the closure of surgical incisions to the Assistant. If drains are to be left in place they will be secured at this time. In addition, the assistant will apply any needed wound vacs, dressings, splints, casts, braces, or binders.

Before leaving the operating room, the assistant will reassess your condition to ensure you are stable for transport.

Some licensed assistants may write post operative orders, make rounds to visit with you the days following your procedure, and even discharge you on behalf of your primary Surgeon.

