

## *Out of Town Patients*

Thank you for choosing to have your surgery with us. We understand that in preparation for your surgery and recovery you will have many schedules to reorganize as well as many emotions going through your mind. In an effort to make this experience as easy and stress free as possible we have organized some important information for you. Helpful hints from our previous patients are also included in this packet.

### **Insurance Approval**

This process is the most frustrating for our patients so we take care of it for you! Our office will contact your insurance company for authorization. Please do not call on your own for authorization. This often leads to confusion and denial of coverage. If you need a “procedure code” number in order to figure out your financial responsibility we can provide it for you.

### **Visiting Nurse/ Physical Therapy**

After surgery you will be visited by a case worker who will discuss your options for post-operative care. If necessary, home care will be arranged for you once you return to your home.

### **Medical Clearance**

All of our patients are required to see their primary care physician and/or cardiologist prior to surgery. You must meet your doctors prior to surgery in order to decide if you are healthy enough to safely have surgery. Your local physician may perform bloodwork and an EKG and fax the results to Pre-admission testing at South County Hospital at 401-789-3290. There is one blood test that you will need done at South County Hospital prior to surgery. This will allow you to receive a blood transfusion if necessary.