Welcome to Day Surgery
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This sheet will tell you what you can expect from your time in Day Surgery.

What happens first?
Shortly one of the nurses from day surgery will take you through and make some observations, such as taking your blood pressure. They will ask you to change into appropriate theatre clothing and ask you to remove your jewellery. You will need a £1 coin to operate the locker in which we will ask you to store your clothing and valuables. You will also be seen by a surgeon from your operating team and an anaesthetist if you’re having a general anaesthetic.

Some patients will have been given a specimen pot for a urine sample - please hand this to your admitting nurse.

If you are wearing nail varnish, please ask the receptionist for nail varnish remover.

Can a relative or friend wait for me?
A relative or friend can wait in the main waiting room for you if they wish but they should be prepared for you to be with us for at least half a day. Please note, we do not have facilities for children to wait but special arrangements can be made on request for patients who are nursing mothers.

Can I wait for my surgery with my relative or friend?
While waiting for your surgery you are able to sit with friends or relatives in the main waiting room or you have the option to sit in a single sex waiting room if you prefer. There are patient toilets in both these areas.

What time will I have my surgery?
The morning operating lists run between 9.00am and 12:30pm - the order of the list is decided upon by the surgical team at their briefing which takes place shortly before 9.00am. The afternoon operating lists run between 1:30 pm and 5:00 pm - the order of the list is decided upon by the surgical team at their briefing, which takes place shortly before 1.30pm.

Any questions?
If during your stay in Day Surgery you have any questions please do not hesitate to ask a member of the team.