

# Pre-admission information

## What is the purpose of the pre-admission clinic?

- To answer any questions you may have.
- To assess and prepare you for surgery.
- Provide you with information regarding your surgery.

## What tests might I have?

- ECG (electrocardiogram) to check your heart
- Blood test
- Chest x-ray (possible)

Please wear loose clothing that is easily removed in case you need any of the above tests.

## What should I bring in?

- Medicare card, Pension cards, Social Security, Veteran Affairs or private health insurance card.
- All your medications in their original containers. This is very important.

## Can I eat before my pre-admission appointment?

- Yes, you will not be having surgery on this day, so you do not need to fast.
- Please take your usual medications.

## How long will it take?

Expect to be at the hospital for two to three hours.

## Can someone come with me to the clinic appointment?

You may bring someone with you. However, due to limited seating, we would ask you to bring only one companion.

## What if I need an interpreter?

An interpreter service is available. Phone 03 9929 8234 to book an interpreter for your appointment.

## What if I need transport?

If you require hospital transport for your appointment please call 03 9929 8635.

## Important

Please remember that if you do not attend the pre admission clinic, your surgery will be cancelled and your name put back on the waiting list.

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