

Preparing for Your Surgery – Dressing and Supplies

Dressings and Supplies:

When you are discharged from our hospital or after you have an outpatient procedure/surgery, you may need certain supplies for dressing changes or other needs. We will give you supplies for the first 24 hours after your procedure. While it is impossible to know now exactly what you will need, you should take the time to find out where you can purchase basic and specialty health care supplies near your home. Local department/discount stores or pharmacies may offer more economical prices for basic supplies than larger medical equipment supply stores.

If you cannot find a place to purchase supplies, or if you need more specialty supplies, a medical supply company will offer the best alternative. One such company is MedEQUIP, owned by the University of Michigan Health Systems, which can be reached at 1-800-530-0714. MedEQUIP can deliver supplies to your inpatient room just prior to discharge as well as to your home. Payment is accepted via cash, credit card or direct billing to your insurance company if supplies are a covered benefit. Longer-term payment arrangements can be made with MedEQUIP if necessary. Other similar companies in your area can be found in your local yellow pages under “Medical Equipment”.

At the time of your discharge or outpatient procedure, we will supply you with a list of those items and your family will need to properly care for you in your home.

Disclaimer: This document is for informational purposes only and is not intended to take the place of the care and attention of your personal physician or other professional medical services. Talk with your doctor if you have Questions about individual health concerns or specific treatment options.

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