

Surgery Process FAQ

1. When will I be scheduled for my surgery?

Dr. Dobbs is recommending you for a surgical procedure that will be completed in a hospital setting. The time to create your surgical plan and obtain supporting documentation varies, and often there is coordination with another practitioner. Once the surgical plan is in place our surgical and treatment coordinator will obtain benefits and any necessary authorization with your insurance company. This can be a timely process (12weeks+ and longer for orthognathic surgery) depending on your specific insurance plan and the complexity of the surgical plan. **Once our office has obtained authorization for your surgery, our coordinator will contact you to schedule and review preoperative requirements.**

Please note, all outpatient cases are scheduled at Sky Ridge Medical Center on Tuesdays. Your post-operative appointment will be scheduled for one week following your surgery in our office.

2. When will I know the starting time for my surgery?

Dr. Dobbs requires patients to arrive 2 hours prior to surgery and to discontinue food and any liquids 12 hours prior to surgery.

You will receive a call from preadmission testing with Sky Ridge Medical Center approximately 1-5 business days prior to your surgical date to review your past medical and surgical history and your current medication list. You'll receive pre-operative instructions, including which medications are ok to continue or discontinue the day of surgery, to confirm your check in time and when to stop eating and drinking. If you miss this call or if you have any additional questions, you can reach the preadmission testing department at: 720-225-6902.

Occasionally, there are urgent cases that need to be added, and your start time may be adjusted. In the event this occurs, the Saddle Rock Institute staff will contact you and notify you of your adjusted arrival and surgery starting times.

3. What is the billing process for my surgery?

Saddle Rock Institute will obtain benefits and any necessary authorization with your insurance company for Dr. Dobbs services. Sky Ridge Medical center will verify eligibility and notify you of any amount that is due at the time of service based on your benefits and their services. Anesthesiology services are typically provided by USAP, and they will bill your insurance separately for those services. There will be 3 separate bills for your surgery.

4. What if Pre-Admission Testing is needed prior to surgery?

You will be notified if any preoperative testing or clearances are required prior to your surgery. Depending on the type of clearance you may be required to schedule this with your PCP, specialist or when possible, it will be scheduled with Sky Ridge Medical Center Pre-Admission Testing Clinic.