

# Helping us to prepare you for your surgery

## Preparation for Surgery

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Information for Patients

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### On the day of your operation

When you are being prepared for an operation a number of checks will be carried out by various members of the surgical team. This is to help make sure that the correct operation is carried out on the correct part of your body.

One way to make sure that this happens is for the surgeon to check with you before the operation, and clearly mark the correct area with an indelible marker pen.

Not everyone having an operation needs to have their skin marked. It is most important for operations that can be done on either side of your body. This might be your left or right arm, leg or kidney. The surgeon also needs to be careful if it is a body part you have more than 1 of, such as fingers or toes.

### How you can help

It is very rare for a surgeon to operate in the wrong place but there are things that you can do to help:

- Make sure you know what operation you are having and which part of your body needs operating on.
- Check that the marks your surgeon makes are in the right place. You may want to ask a family member or friend to check this too.
- If you are not sure, or think the marks may be wrong, tell someone. The surgeon, doctor or nurse will be happy to double check for you.
- You will probably be asked quite a few times to say which part of your body should be operated on. Try to be patient with the people asking you. Checking several times is done to avoid mistakes that could harm you.

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## Contact details

If you have any questions please contact a member of your pre-operative assessment team:

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