



GOING TO THE SURGERY CENTER OPERATING ROOM

THE OPERATING SUITE

- Going to the operating room is not a normal experience for most of us. Dr. Shell and staff recognize the natural anxiety with which most patients approach this step in the process of achieving their goals. We believe a description of the surgery experience will help to prepare you for it.
- Your surgery will be performed at Memphis Surgery Center in the operating suite. Specialists using modern equipment and techniques will attend to you. The team includes a board certified anesthesiologist, a trained surgical assistant and nurses who will assist Dr. Shell. A registered nurse is in charge of the operating room.
- Once you enter the operating room, the staff will do everything they can to make you feel secure. You will feel comfortable on the operating table, and the anesthesiologist will start an intravenous drip in your arm. Medicines that will make you drowsy will flow through the tubing into a vein in your arm. At the same time, to ensure your safety, the anesthesiologist will connect you to monitoring devices.

THE RECOVERY ROOM

- When your surgery has been completed and your dressings are in place, you will be moved to the recovery room. You will constantly be connected to monitoring equipment, and during this period, fully trained recovery room nurses will remain with you at all times. These nurses are certified for advanced cardiac life support. You can be confident that you will be well cared for in the recovery room.
- When your initial recovery is completed and all of your vital signs are stable, you will be discharged and allowed to go home.
- Most patients have very little memory about their stay in the recovery room.