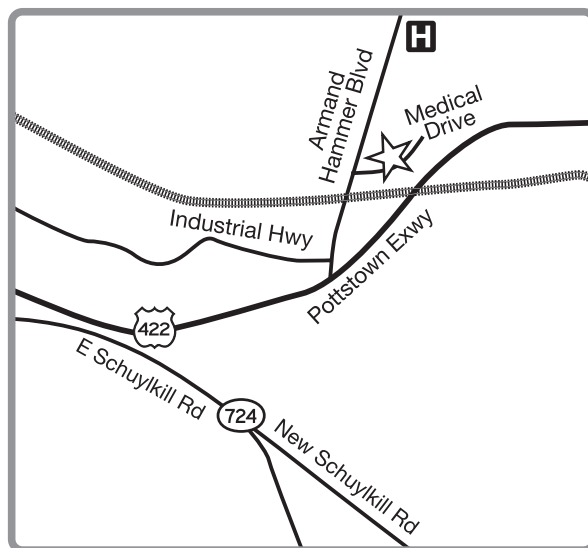


Financial Issues

The Pottstown Surgical Center charges a predetermined facility fee for each procedure. This fee accounts for a number of factors, including the amount of time typically required in the procedure room and recovery area, the amounts and types of supplies and drugs used before, during, and after the procedure, pathology studies usually ordered, and the type of equipment used to perform the procedure.

- As a courtesy, **we will bill your insurance company directly**. Nevertheless, you are responsible for any deductible, co-insurance or balance not paid by your insurance company.
- If you do not have insurance, or if your insurance does not cover the procedure, **you will be required to pay for your procedure on or before admission**. The Center's business office will contact you with an estimate of the charges for your procedure. You will be required to pay this amount before your procedure.
- You may pay with most major credit cards.



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Welcome!

The Pottstown Surgical Center is designed for patients requiring endoscopic procedures. This pamphlet tells you about the Center, and answers many of the questions you may have about the outpatient process.

Please review this pamphlet carefully. It is important that you, your doctor, and the Center's staff work together to make your experience here as pleasant as possible.

Before Your Procedure

- Complete the **Patient Pre-Anesthesia Questionnaire** your doctor gives to you.
- **Your History & Physical:** Your doctor will determine if any preoperative testing is necessary. Tell your doctor about any medications that you take on a regular basis (including aspirin). You may need to stop taking certain medications prior to your procedure.
- Arrange for a **ride home** with a responsible adult. You will not be permitted to drive yourself home. In addition, you should have an **adult at home with you for the first 24 hours after your procedure.**

The Day Before Your Procedure

- A Center staff member will **call you the day before your procedure** to confirm the time, and answer any questions you may have. If you won't be available, please call us between 12:00 noon and 4:00 p.m. the day before your procedure.
- Follow the instructions you received regarding food and drink prior to your procedure. Pay careful attention to the instructions regarding liquids you may consume, medications to be taken, and use of the cleaning prep (if any).

The Day of Your Procedure

- Wear loose, comfortable, casual clothing. **Leave all jewelry and valuables at home.** We will provide you with a patient gown and a bag in which to store your clothing. Do not wear contacts, wear your glasses.
- **Bring your insurance card, completed Pre-Anesthesia Questionnaire, and completed History and Physical form** (if not previously mailed).
- Arrive at the Center at the time instructed by the Center nurse.
- Please observe the above requirements for your safety. **Failure to do so may result in the cancellation of your procedure.**

Following Your Procedure

- After your procedure, you will be taken to the recovery area, where you will be monitored and cared for until you are ready to go home. The duration of the time spent in recovery varies, but usually is 30–90 minutes.
- In the event of unforeseen complications, you may be admitted to the hospital.
- You must have an **adult available to take you home.**
- A Center nurse will review your home care instructions with you and/or your escort, and will provide you with a written copy of these instructions.
- It is not unusual to feel slightly dizzy or sleepy after receiving anesthesia and undergoing a procedure.

At Home

- Have a responsible **adult with you at least for the first 24 hours.**
- Do not drive or operate heavy machinery.
- Follow the special instructions provided to you by your doctor and/or our staff.
- Do not take medications without your doctor's approval.
- Do not drink any alcoholic beverages.
- Call your doctor with any unusual symptoms.
- A Center nurse will call you one business day after your procedure.