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"Considerations for having surgery by Dr. Marc Webb
at Michigan Vascular Access, PC"

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All procedures to be performed by Dr. Webb are currently being scheduled at St. Mary Mercy Hospital in Livonia at 5 Mile and Levan for adults, or at The Children's Hospital of the Detroit Medical Center for children under the age of 12 years. Once a recommendation has been made for a procedure by Dr. Webb, certain considerations apply. Failure to follow these guidelines may delay or require cancellation of your surgery:

On-call phone for management of emergencies and changes to the schedule:

Michigan Vascular Access has an "on-call" contact system - two of our staff members currently take call after hours. To contact the person on call for any specific day, call the office phone (248-355-1100) and listen to the message. The phone number of the on-call person will be included in the message. Call the number given - you may be connected immediately, or may be prompted to leave a call back number. If so, do so, and someone will get back to you as soon as possible

Pre-operative studies and cardiac clearance: if pre-operative studies are requested prior to determining the final recommendation, or if cardiac testing and a cardiologist's evaluation for a "cardiac clearance" are requested, they *must* be completed before the procedure will be scheduled. Please understand that making the time and commitment to completing these studies is the patient's responsibility, and that any delay getting tests or consultations done results in a delay getting *your* surgery scheduled. We are not having surgery, *you are*, and getting your business in order is to *your* advantage.

Surgical time versus time to the hospital: occasionally people become confused about what time they are to be in the hospital on the day of surgery. Generally the patient is asked to be at the hospital two hours prior to the time of the surgery itself for testing and to prepare for the surgery. If there are special circumstances, the patient may be asked to come even earlier. Generally, the hospital will call the day or evening prior to give an arrival time. If perchance you do not receive a call the day or evening prior to your scheduled surgery, either call the on-call phone (**see above "on-call phone"**) before 10 pm in the evening, or call the office at 248-355-1100 after 7 am in the morning. Do not eat or drink anything other than clear liquids (see below regarding clear liquids) after midnight until you have a definitive answer from the hospital or our office.

Cancellations by the patient: occasionally unavoidable things occur that may require canceling or rescheduling of surgery. Many dialysis patients have other serious medical problems that can flare up suddenly and interfere with scheduled surgery. If you have had a change in your health status since we agreed on your surgery (cold, flu, infection, heart attack, stroke, any hospitalization, or any other complication) please notify the Michigan Vascular Access, PC office or on-call phone (**see above "on-call phone"**) immediately. If there are questions whether recent developments will be a problem for

the scheduled surgery, we suggest that you call to discuss the matter rather than assume the worst.

If something happens at the last minute and it is uncertain whether you will be able to make it to the hospital, please stay NPO (nothing to eat or drink - see discussion regarding clear liquids below) and call the on-call phone number (**see above "on-call phone"**) before 10 pm in the evening or call the office in the morning. Frequently arrangements can be made to solve the problem and allow surgery to take place as originally scheduled.

Cancellations should not be made for trivial reasons, like "not feeling like it today", but rather only for medical emergencies and such. Dr. Webb is frequently scheduled weeks in advance, and cancellations for trivial reasons or repeated cancellations may result in patient's being placed back "at the end of the line" resulting in a delay to needed procedures.

We ask that you let us know at the earliest possible moment that a delay may be necessary by calling the office and leaving a message, or calling the on-call phone (**see above "on-call phone"**). Calls to reschedule 48 hours or more in advance allow us to offer that time to another patient. Please be considerate.

Cancellations by the office: occasionally things occur that require rescheduling or delay of surgery by the office. Many emergencies occur in the dialysis population, and we are called on patients who are clotted, infected, or actively bleeding. On these occasions we may call to discuss rescheduling your surgery. This is not done lightly, as we feel that everyone's needs are important. Every effort will be made to honor our commitments, and to provide needed services in a timely fashion.

Transportation: In general, it is recommended and requested that the patient be accompanied by a family member or friend on the day of surgery and NOT expect to drive themselves. For patients within a certain distance radius, transportation can be arranged through the hospital. Please let us know early in the process if transportation will be required. Transportation generally CAN NOT be arranged at the last moment. Transportation is generally NOT available from Flint, Monroe or Jackson. Occasionally by pre-arrangement, a patient who comes for a minor procedure can stay in an observation status overnight, and then be able to drive home.

Lack of transportation is a leading cause of no-shows and canceled surgery - this IS NOT considered a legitimate reason for a "no show" or late cancellation, as it is a part of the patient's responsibility to make it to the hospital on time.

Weather: We are in Michigan, and weather conditions may affect our ability to travel on any given day, especially for people who travel from outlying areas. If bad weather is predicted, an early start is recommended, or out-of-towners may choose to come the night before and stay in a hotel nearby. If you decide ahead of time not to attempt the trip, please let us know at the earliest possible moment by calling the on-call phone (**see**

above "on-call phone") so that schedules can be adjusted. If you are delayed during the trip, please call the office after 7am or the on-call phone to see if the schedule can be adjusted.

On occasion (once a year) if it is determined that any travel is too hazardous, or if it is impossible to get into our parking lot, we may decide to close the clinic - in this case we will call to cancel. On very bad weather days, check your answering machine or call the office before committing to the trip.

Nothing by mouth/clear liquids - there has been a recent change in anesthesia policy regarding oral intake prior to surgery - please read carefully. For all procedures requiring anesthesia (all procedures done in the hospital by Dr. Webb) it is **REQUIRED** that the patient not eat or drink anything other than clear liquids or medications with a sip of water after midnight the night before. For diabetics, it is advised that the patient take half of his/her usual evening dose of insulin the night before, and skip the morning dose. If the patient becomes hypoglycemic, clear apple juice, white grape juice or sugar dissolved in water is recommended, NOT orange juice, tomato juice, milk products or solid food of any kind. On occasion, the surgery can be shifted to later in the day, but most often, the surgery is canceled.

Patients are now allowed to take clear liquids up to four hours prior to surgery. Clear liquids are defined as clear apple juice, white grape juice, non-carbonated water, tea or black coffee without cream, NOT orange juice, tomato juice, milk products, carbonated beverages or solid food of any kind.

Dialysis and hyperkalemia: for all procedures requiring anesthesia (all procedures done in the hospital by Dr. Webb), it is **REQUIRED** that the potassium be within the normal range, meaning that the patient should not skip dialysis unless alternate arrangements are made by my office staff, and be mindful that certain foods will drive the potassium up (potatoes, tomatoes, citrus fruit, bananas and avocados). These foods are best avoided the days or weekend before surgery. On occasion, the patient can be dialyzed the day of surgery in the hospital and the procedure shifted to later in the day, but most often, the surgery is canceled.

Changes in insurance: Many insurance companies require that authorization from the insurer be obtained prior to doing surgery, and this is normally done in advance. If you change your insurance, please notify our office at the earliest moment so that procedures can be followed, and your case not delayed.

Why is this important? Efficient functioning of the medical care system relies on many moving parts. We know that delays can occur, and that patients can become frustrated with the process. We want to work with patients and families to make their experiences as smooth and respectful as possible. We also rely on patients to work with us and the hospitals, to help "make the trains run on time". Patients have responsibilities and your cooperation is very important. Please help us to help you.