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* **PROCEDURE** *

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ED
(Scope)

TITLE: PREPARATION FOR EMERGENCY SURGERY FROM ED

PURPOSE: Provides guidelines to minimize surgical risk and to prepare the patient as quickly as possible for transport to the OR suite.

SUPPORTIVE DATA: Surgeon must explain to patient or responsible party the type of, reason for and risks of surgery. The RN will witness the consent.

FORMS NEEDED:

1. Consent for surgery, anesthesia and special procedures
2. Consent for blood transfusion (if applicable)
3. ED Assessment/ED Database.
4. Written orders for patient's transfer to floor or SDS by surgeon

CONTENT: PROCEDURE KEY POINTS

1. Have patient or responsible party sign consent for surgery after the surgeon has explained procedure.
2. Have patient or responsible party sign blood consent form (if applicable).
3. Have patient or responsible party sign consent for anesthesia if anesthesia has spoken to patient.
4. Anesthesia to call ED and inform the RN where the patient will be seen (i.e. ED, PACU, SDS)
5. Have all ordered lab tests (usually CBC, differential, CMP and UA) done as soon as possible. Urine pregnancy if indicated.
6. Start ordered IVs with large bore angiocath and macro tubing.
7. Prep patient as ordered.
8. Complete the nursing assessment on the ED assessment form.
9. Have family take possession of clothing and valuables. If none available, place valuables in valuables envelope in hospital safe according to procedure. Document family member taking valuables.
10. Administer pre op medications if ordered. Verify administration time of pre-op antibiotic if ordered.
11. Transport or assist with transport to OR via stretcher when OR is ready for patient. May use an ED Tech or OR Tech.
12. ED face sheet, admission sheet, lab work, EKG, and consent forms are to accompany patient.