



## MIDVALLEY SURGERY CENTER

ASPEN VALLEY HOSPITAL

At the Midvalley Surgery Center we worked diligently with Aspen Valley Hospital to update our policies and procedures to be consistent with guidance from the Colorado Department of Regulatory Agencies, CDC, and AORN guidelines in light of the Covid -19 Global Pandemic.

Our objective is to provide a safe environment for you as a patient but also our staff and physicians.

Thankfully, as an ambulatory surgery center, the Midvalley Surgery Center is proud of our long history of extremely low infection rates, well below the average for hospitals and like facilities. Plus, with the long term experience of our wonderful staff we are confident we can resume services with our updated measures to deliver effective, safe and lower cost care to our community.

### PATIENT SAFETY

Some of the changes we have put into place include how we schedule procedures since all patients that are referred to our facility will be tested for COVID -19 prior to their surgery or procedures.

Places for testing.

- a. Valley View lab rapid test (takes 24- 48 hours) no appointment needed once order is sent.
- b. Aspen Valley Hospital tent Monday through Friday 12-12:30. Orders need to be sent to central scheduling ext. 1392 (Mindy Gordon). Insurance will be billed. At least 72 hours for results.
- c. Roaring Fork Neurology in Basalt. Testing Monday through Friday 9Am to 1PM call for appointment. They do not take Aetna and Cigna.

We will encourage patients to isolate prior to their procedure to decrease risk of being exposed to Covid-19.

Patients will be screened on the telephone during pre-operative teaching days before the procedure is scheduled.

During this teaching they will be informed of the following changes that are precautionary measures related to Covid-19:

- During the time of the surgery procedure visitors/caregivers (patient ride) will not be allowed to enter the surgery center unless medically necessary.
- We will call their caregiver (patient ride) when surgery is over to give them a time frame on when patient will be ready for pick up.
- We will do curbside patient education if appropriate or we can call patient caregiver and give postoperative instructions if necessary.
- Patient will be screened for COVID-19 risk once again when called the day before surgery.
- Temperature will be taken the day of surgery at time of arrival at the Surgery Center.

### STAFFING/MATERIALS/EQUIPMENT CHANGES

We are requiring all staff and providers to self-monitor as well. This includes taking temperatures at time of arrival and recording it on the temperature log.

We will be monitoring all supplies and Personal Protective Equipment on a day to day basis. Safety is our first priority not only to our patients but to our providers, and staff as well.

We will be following CDC, AORN guidelines for cleaning and use of materials and equipment recently required during surgical procedures to further provide safety for patients and staff.