When You Arrive

On the day of admission, you'll come directly to the Admissions Desk, main entrance, on 15 th Street. A hospital representative will escort you to the Admitting Office and/or to your room.

Upon admission, you will receive hospital information, including a Patient and Family Information booklet.

Maternity Patients

Maternity patients should come directly to the Admissions Desk at Anderson Regional Birth Center.

What to Bring

When you come to the hospital, please be sure to bring the following:

- Bring any medications you take at home so your nurse can identify them and list for your doctor. When you doctor has approved your medications he/she wants to continue, you may have a friend or family member take the medications you brought home.
- Glasses, hearing aids, dentures, toiletries (shampoo, toothbrush, etc.), robe, slippers
- Insurance information, emergency telephone number
- A copy of your advance directives
- For maternity patients, your labor bag. Plan to have baby's clothing and car seat brought on the day you go home.
- Please do not bring cash or valuables.
- For more information, please contact our Admitting Department by calling 601-553-6661.

Medications

When you brought any medications with you to the hospital – even over-the-counter medications, herbs or vitamins – please give them to loved ones or your nurse for safekeeping. It is imperative that you do not take any medications, unless your nurse directs you otherwise. If you have any questions about your medicine, please ask your physician or nurse.

If your physician gives you a prescription for medication, the pharmacists in the Anderson Pharmacy, first floor, Medical Towers I, can fill the initial prescription and make arrangements for you to get refills as needed. You can arrange this by calling the Pharmacy in advance, at 601-483-4221. If you prefer, you may have your prescriptions filled elsewhere.

Wheelchairs & Medical Equipment

Wheelchairs are available on all nursing units, but getting in and out of them without assistance may be hazardous. Please ask for help from a member of the hospital staff.

If you brought your own wheelchair or ambulatory or assistive aids, please label them with your name. Also, for your safety, please do not use other personal medical equipment unless your physician has agreed to its use and the equipment has been inspected for safety.

Armbands

You should receive a patient ID armband at the time of admission to the hospital. Please notify your nurses if you do not receive an armband on admission.

For Friends & Family Calling Your Room

Direct dial to your room is 601-533-7 + Room Number

Smoking Policy

We know that if you are a smoker, hospitalization can be uncomfortable for you, as you may feel symptoms of withdrawal. For the health and safety of the entire Anderson Regional Medical Center campus became a tobacco-free zone on September 1, 2010; smoking and/or the use of tobacco products is not permitted in hospital buildings or at any hospital building entrances.

Patients who smoke should discuss how to manage withdrawal symptoms and/or how to quit smoking with their physician.

Family members and visitors who would like to quit smoking will find a list of resources here: http://www.bcbsms.com/index.php?q=be-smoke-free.html

Personal Items

If you wear dentures, a hearing aid, eyeglasses or contact lenses, please keep them in a storage case labeled with your name. If you need a denture cup, please ask your nurse for one. To prevent damage or loss, do not wrap dentures in tissue and do not put them on your food tray or in your bed. Dentures and glasses must be removed prior to surgery. Anderson Regional Medical Center cannot be responsible for personal items not properly labeled or stored.

Personal Electrical Appliances

For your safety, please do not use any electrical appliances other than personal grooming devices. These devices may be used in general patient care rooms (but not in intensive care areas) as long as they do not present a safety hazard (such as a frayed cord), and the nurse manager or attending physician agrees that you may use them. The hospital is not responsible for those items or for cell phones, portable CD players, radios, computers or hand-held computer games.

Cellular Phones

Due to the potential of cellular phones interfering with patient care equipment, the use of cell phones by patients or visitors is prohibited in highly instrumented clinical areas. We recommend that you limit your use of cell phones to non-patient care areas such as lobbies, waiting rooms and the cafeteria.