

## YOUR RIGHT TO KNOW

### COMPARISON CHECKLIST

*During your search for the surgeon and facility with which you feel comfortable, it may be necessary to tour several surgical centers. To facilitate a comprehensive comparison, we are providing you with the following checklist of items to examine. Be certain to verify factors that ultimately can affect your safety and may impact your successful surgical outcome.*

- SURGEON NAME: \_\_\_\_\_
  
- BOARD CERTIFIED IN: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Call 1-800-776-2378 or [www.abms.org](http://www.abms.org) to verify through the American Board of Medical Specialties)
  
- HOSPITAL TRANSFER PRIVILEGES: \_\_\_\_\_
  
- SURGICAL FACILITY: \_\_\_\_\_
  
- SURGICAL FACILITY ACCREDITATION:
  - AAAAPSF
  - AAAHC
  - STATE
  - MEDICARE
  - OTHER
  
- WHO WILL GIVE ANESTHESIA?
  - SURGEON
  - SURGEON & NURSE
  - MD ANESTHESIOLOGIST
  - CERTIFIED NURSE ANESTHETIST
  
- DOES THE OPERATING ROOM MONITORING INCLUDE:
  - EKG
  - PULSE OXIMETRY
  - BLOOD PRESSURE
  - CAPNOGRAPH (CO<sub>2</sub>)
  
- DOES THE RECOVERY ROOM MONITORING INCLUDE:
  - EKG
  - PULSE OXIMETRY
  - BLOOD PRESSURE
  - CPR TRAINING UP TO DATE
  - REGISTERED NURSE IN ATTENDANCE DURING RECOVERY
  - ADVANCED CARDIAC LIFE SUPPORT CURRENT
  
- HOW ARE EMERGENCY SITUATIONS HANDLED?
  - SURGEON HAS HOSPITAL TRANSFER PRIVILEGES NECESSARY TO ADMIT PATIENTS IN THE EVENT OF AN EMERGENCY.
  - CRASH CART AVAILABLE WITH NECESSARY MEDICATION AND EQUIPMENT TO HANDLE AN EMERGENCY SITUATION.