



# Hunterdon Healthcare

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## ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THE EFFECTS OF ANESTHESIA

### (TO BE SIGNED PRIOR TO PRE-OPERATIVE MEDICATION)

Your physician will discharge you when he/she is satisfied that your temperature, pulse, and respiration are stable and that you are ready to go home. Even though you are ready for discharge, you should be aware that the effects of anesthesia and medication given by vein sometimes last as long as 24 hours causing an extension of your reaction time, for example, you may not be as quick in applying the brakes in your car. The effects of anesthesia can also temporarily interfere with your ability to reason or to make critical decisions. Therefore, we strongly urge you not to drive, operate power tools or make any major decisions for 24 hours after having received anesthesia. Furthermore, it is recommended that a friend or family member provide your transportation home following your procedure.

I have read and understand the above explanation. I will have a responsible adult present to drive me home.

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(Witness)

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(Patient Signature)

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(Date)