



Pre-admission Booklet

Armidale Day Surgery

Armidale Day Surgery remains focused on providing all of our patient, excellent healthcare in a caring, supportive and safe environment.

Please ensure the following forms are completed and returned to Armidale Day Surgery at least 2 weeks prior to your date of admission.

- Request for Consent form & Admission (pages 6 & 7) *To be completed by your referring doctor or specialist*
- Pre-admission form (pages 9 & 10)
- Patient History form (pages 11, 12 & 13)

Completed forms should be returned to:

Pre-admission Office
126 O'Dell Street,
Armidale NSW 2350
or Email: admit@ADS.com
or Fax: (02) 6766 5129

The remainder of the booklet is for your information.

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www.armidaledaysurgery.com



Welcome to

Armidale Day Surgery

We thank you for choosing Armidale Day Surgery for your procedure. ADS was established in 2025.

At Armidale Day Surgery we are committed to providing patients with the highest standards of health care. Our staff will ensure that throughout your stay you will be looked after with the utmost respect and dignity.

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Armidale Day Surgery acknowledge and pay respects to the traditional owners - the Anaiwan people. We also pay our respects to their leaders, past, present and emerging.

Anaesthesia and your procedure

Virtually all surgical procedures require some form of anaesthesia which will be administered by an anaesthetist. You may be phoned by your anaesthetist prior to your admission. In all cases, you will get to see them before your procedure.

Your medications

If you take any regular medication (including non-prescription medications) you should discuss this with your doctor. You may need specific instructions regarding which medications you should cease and which you should continue.

On admission to hospital please provide your nurse with any tablets or medicines that you have been taking before admission. These will be secured in a personal drug cabinet. Any additional medication you require whilst you are in hospital will be ordered by your doctor and supplied to you. Please note that some medications which you took prior to your surgery, your doctor may decide to withhold temporarily. When you are discharged, medications that you are required to take will be either provided to you as a prescription or as pharmacy supplied medications.

What to bring

- **All entitlement cards** e.g. Medicare / Safety Net / Veterans' Affairs and Health Fund cards
- Any paperwork not already forwarded to the Hospital
- Relevant x-rays, scans or films
- Current medication (in their original containers) and prescriptions
- Payment for estimate of gap between fund benefits and hospital fees, or total estimated costs of hospitalisation if you have no health insurance
- Aids such as walking sticks, hearing aids

Do not bring:

- Valuables, **including jewellery**, and large sums of money (unless settling your account in cash on admission)
- Unnecessary clothing
- Large luggage and suitcases (these cannot be accommodated).

Infection Control

The hospital is committed to promoting infection control awareness to both staff and patients. All patients and visitors are encouraged to either wash their hands or use the alcohol based hand rubs to assist with reducing the risk of infection.

We also ask that visitors with colds, gastroenteritis or other contagious diseases do not visit the hospital, in order to prevent the spread of these infections.

The day of your procedure

Fasting

The fasting time may vary, depending on the type of anaesthetic you are having. You will be advised when to commence fasting by hospital staff prior to your admission.

If fasting instructions are not followed, your procedure may have to be postponed in the interests of your safety.

Visiting Hours

Here at ADS we understand that family and friends are an important part of recovery. However, we would appreciate your consideration to avoiding overcrowding the waiting rooms and allowing patients time to be admitted in pro.

Visitors Lounge

Lounge areas are provided for patients, their families and friends. Tea and coffee are provided.



Prior to your procedure

Please:

- Shower with soap on the day of your procedure
- Do not apply any powder, creams, lotions or makeup
- Please follow instructions from your doctor and hospital nursing staff, including fasting instructions
- Wear comfortable clothing
- Do NOT smoke
- Remove all piercings.

What costs could I incur that will not be covered by my health fund

Fees from your Doctor, Surgeon, Anaesthetist or other provider e.g. High cost disposables, Prostheses, Excessive theatre time, Pathology, Radiology, Pharmacy, Physio are invoiced separately. These fees **are not** included in this estimation of total hospital costs provided to you. **Patient transfers with private or state owned ambulance service will incur a fee for service. It is the patients responsibility to be aware of eligibility prior to interhospital transfer.**

Pathology on site

Pathology fees

During your stay at this Day Surgery, your doctor may require you to obtain pathology services. These services may be provided by Douglas Hanley Moir, being the main provider of pathology services at this hospital.

Pathology is not able to predict in advance the total cost of services that will be provided to you. Normally, payment for the pathology services provided to you comes from a combination of:

- (a) Medicare rebates;
- (b) Payments from your private health insurance fund; and/or
- (c) Payment from you.

Your admission and hospital stay

All patients will be admitted via the Reception.

If you are unable to keep your appointment for admission or if you have any questions about your admission process, please contact us as soon as possible on (02) XX.

Leaving the Surgery

For the first 24 hours after your procedure it is important that you:

- Do not drive a car
- Do not drink alcohol
- Do not remain on your own (unless approved by your specialist)
- Do not make complex or legal decisions

You should be in the company of a responsible adult for 24 hours after a procedure.

After your operation you may need to follow detailed instructions. These may include wound or medication instructions. As you may have had an anaesthetic, we advise that a responsible adult be with you during these discussions as it is important your discharge instructions are understood.

Following discharge from the hospital, you will require someone to drive or accompany you home. Patients can be met in the Day Surgery reception located off O'Dell street.



My healthcare rights

This is the second edition of the Australian Charter of Healthcare Rights.

These rights apply to all people in all places where health care is provided in Australia.

The Charter describes what you, or someone you care for, can expect when receiving health care.

I have a right to:

Access

- Healthcare services and treatment that meets my needs

Safety

- Receive safe and high quality health care that meets national standards
- Be cared for in an environment that is safe and makes me feel safe

Respect

- Be treated as an individual, and with dignity and respect
- Have my culture, identity, beliefs and choices recognised and respected

Partnership

- Ask questions and be involved in open and honest communication
- Make decisions with my healthcare provider, to the extent that choose and am able to
- Include the people that I want in planning and decision-making

Information

- Clear information about my condition, the possible benefits and risks of different tests and treatments, so I can give my informed consent
- Receive information about services, waiting times and costs
- Be given assistance, when I need it, to help me to understand and use health information
- Access my health information
- Be told if something has gone wrong during my health care, how it happened, how it may affect me and what is being done to make care safe

Privacy

- Have my personal privacy respected
- Have information about me and my health kept secure and confidential

Give feedback

- Provide feedback or make a complaint without it affecting the way that I am treated
- Have my concerns addressed in a transparent and timely way
- Share my experience and participate to improve the quality of care and health services



AUSTRALIAN COMMISSION
ON SAFETY AND QUALITY IN HEALTH CARE

For more information
ask a member of staff or visit
safetyandquality.gov.au/your-rights

Commitment to improvement

The hospital values the contribution of our patients to our continuous improvement program. East Sydney Private Hospital complies with the National Safety and Quality Health Service (NSQHS) Standards and we have a quality management system based on the ISO 9001 standards (2nd edition).

Security and Safety Cameras

Patients and visitors are advised that security monitoring cameras are used within public areas of the hospital and car parks.

All cameras and clinical monitoring devices are in accordance with the *Privacy and Personal Information Protection Act 1998* and *Health Records & Information Privacy Act 2002*.

Feedback and Complaints

The hospital values patient feedback. If you have a suggestion, wish to report an incident or to give a compliment, there are several options.

- Use the feedback form in discharge papers or in the reception area lounge
- Speak to the person in charge of the Day Surgery, usually the Director Of Nursing.
- Should you prefer to speak to someone outside the department, please contact the CEO during office hours Monday to Friday on telephone (02) xx

Or you can write to:

Director of Nursing
Armidale Day Surgery
126 O'Dell Street
Armidale NSW, 2350

You may contact the Healthcare Complaints Commission if you are not satisfied that the Hospital has resolved your complaint.

Health Care Complaints Commission
Locked Mail Bag 18
Strawberry Hills NSW 2012
Telephone: 1800 043 159
Website: www.hccc.nsw.gov.au

Your Right to Privacy

You have the right to have your personal space and privacy respected.

Your visitors have the right to privacy for your visits during patient visiting hours

Details concerning your medical care and treatment

are confidential. No information or records pertaining to your care will be released without your permission, or the permission of your representative, unless such a release is required or authorised by law or necessary to enable another health care worker to assist with their care

Patient and Visitor Code of Conduct

Patients of East Sydney Private Hospital are requested to:

- Provide, to the best of your knowledge, accurate information about your current medical problems, previous illnesses, medications, visits to hospital, allergies and other matters relating to your state of health, in order to help our staff care for you.
- Ask staff for a clear explanation of treatments, tests and medications recommended for your care and let them know immediately if you do not understand instructions or advice given to you
- Discuss any worries or concerns with a relevant member of staff, preferably at the time.
- Inform staff if you intend to leave the ward for any reason
- Be courteous and considerate to other patients and to hospital staff
- NOT exhibit aggressive, violent or demeaning behavior towards staff, other patients or visitors. It will not be tolerated
- Observe the hospital's 'No Smoking' (including vaping) rule
- Not consume alcohol or illicit drugs
- Ask your relatives and friends to visit in small groups within visiting hours, preferably no more than two or three people at a time
- Carers are not permitted to stay overnight after visiting hours unless by prior arrangement with the Hospital Director of Nursing.
- In shared rooms, keep the volume of radio and television sets to a minimum and, where possible, use earphones.
- Ensure children are supervised at all times

Location/Travel

Transport

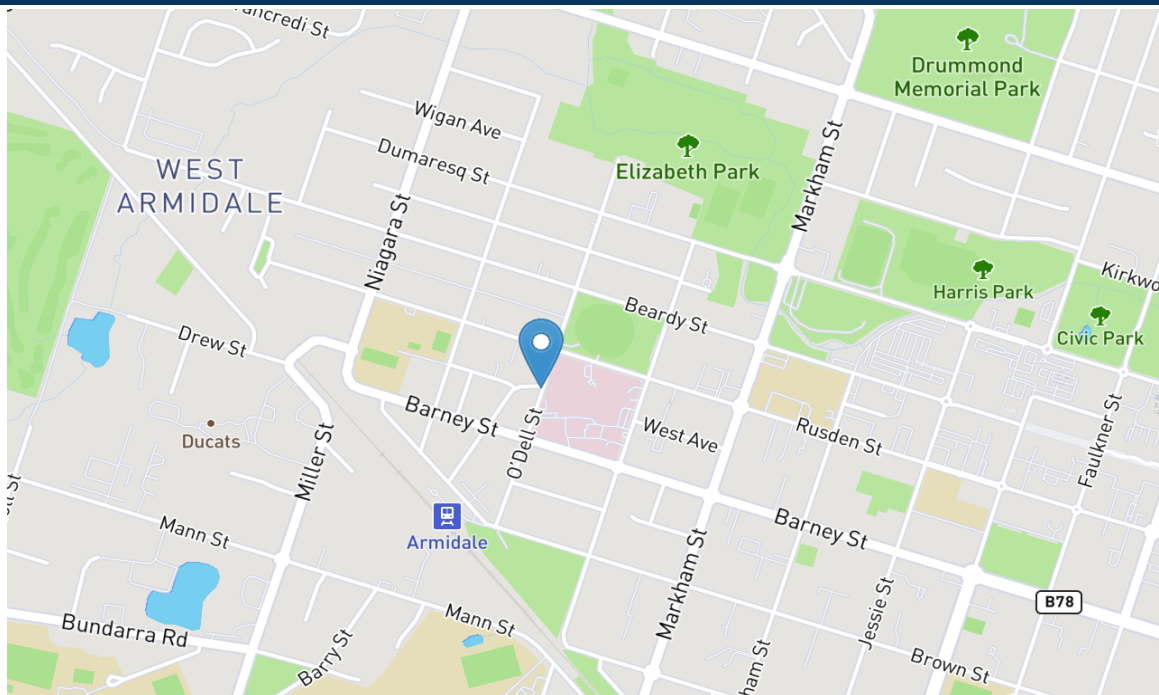
Regular bus services can be found on O'Dell and Rusden Streets within easy walking distance from the surgery. For timetable information, contact the Transport Infoline on 131 500.

The nearest Taxi rank is located within walking distance (5 minutes) at Armidale Public Hospital entrance on Rusden Street.

Car Parking

Car parking facilities are available in the carpark which is accessed via Rusden Street. Additional on street car parking can be found along O'Dell and Rusden Streets.

Patients attending Armidale Day Surgery consultant room can enter via O'Dell Street.



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