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**ATTENDENT/ESCORT POLICY LETTER**

MADIGAN WANTS TO ENSURE YOUR SURGERY IS SAFE AND THAT YOU HAVE THE BEST SURGICAL OUTCOME POSSIBLE. THEREFORE, YOU MUST ARRANGE AN ESCORT FOR THE DAY OF SUGERY. **HAVING AN ESCORT IS MANDATORY FOR SAME DAY SURGERY PATIENTS.**

**ESCORT RESPONSIBILITIES:**

The primary role of the escort is to provide support and reassurance to the patient. It is important that the escort remain in the hospital and available during the entire procedure. Once you, the patient are ready for discharge, the nursing staff will review written discharge instructions and provide education on signs and symptoms that require you to be seen promptly by your doctor or in the Emergency Room. After all of your questions have been answered, and understanding of information is verified, you will be discharged with your escort. The escort is responsible for picking up prescriptions at the pharmacy, transporting the patient home, and caring for the patient over the next 24 hours per hospital policy. The responsibilities of the escort can be divided into a “transporter” (transports the patient home) and a “caregiver” who cares for the patient at home. Both the transporter and the caregiver must be at least 18 years of age.

**LACK OF AN ESCORT ON THE MORNING OF SURGERY  
WILL RESULT IN CANCELLATION OF YOUR SCHEDULED PROCEDURE.**

I have read and understand the above policy regarding an escort and will have an escort present on the day of surgery.

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Patient’s Signature

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Date

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Escort’s Name

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Escort’s Signature

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Escort’s Phone Number

Patient Identification: Full Name, DOB and Sponsor’s SSN/ DOD ID #
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Same Day/Outpatient

Inpatient Surgery