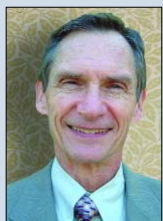


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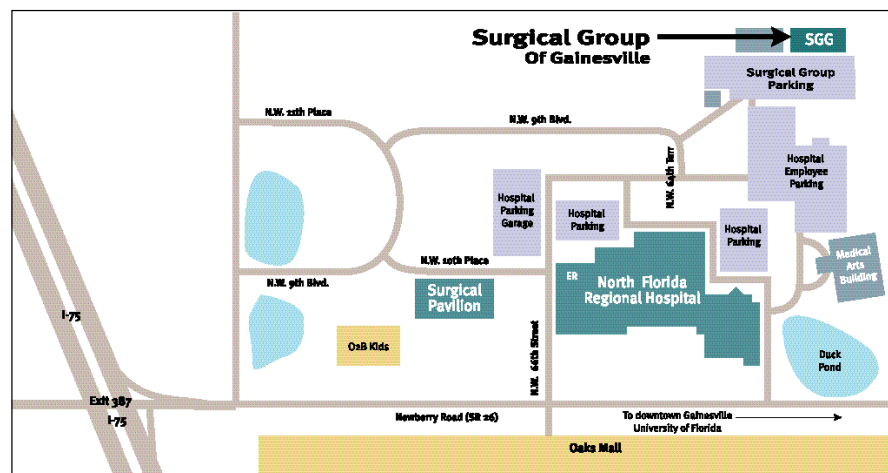
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Directions to the Surgical Group of Gainesville at North Florida Regional Medical Center

From I-75, take Newberry Road east toward downtown Gainesville. Turn left at the light onto N.W. 66th Street (entrance to North Florida Regional Medical Center). Follow N.W. 66th Street to the right behind the hospital. Turn left onto N.W. 64th Terrace. At the curve, turn right into the Physicians Park. Our building is at the far right of the new complex at 1143 N.W. 64th Terrace.

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SURGICAL GROUP of GAINESVILLE, PA.

Our practice today traces its history back to 1967, when Dr. Henry J. Babers and Dr. Charles E. Lore joined together to provide our community with a unified surgical team. That same unified approach prevails today as we serve the Greater Gainesville and North Central Florida area with our expanded team of eight surgeons.

We hope this brochure will answer many of your questions about our practice and its procedures. Please free to ask us if there is anything that you do not understand or if you have any further questions. ~ SGG

Your First Visit

We are pleased that you have selected Surgical Group of Gainesville for your surgical needs and look forward to assisting you with this process. To follow is important information you will need to be familiar with for your first visit:

What to bring – On your first visit, please bring any X-rays, lab reports or other related medical information. You will be asked to watch a short six-minute video on arbitration and to sign an arbitration agreement. One of our doctors will examine you and then meet with you to discuss whether you need surgery and the nature of any proposed procedure.

You may also choose to bring your appointment calendar — as next you will learn whether your surgery is an inpatient or outpatient procedure and when and where it will be performed. Unless your doctor asks you to return for a second visit, you will be directed to our Surgical Coordinator to arrange a specific time and place for your surgery.

Arbitration agreement – You are required to sign an arbitration agreement, before we accept you as a patient and continue onto your surgical procedure. We encourage you to ask questions and are happy to provide you with further clarification. Your initial visit also includes viewing a six-minute video on the subject, on one of our reception area computers. If you elect not to sign the arbitration agreement, we cannot continue with your surgery or future care.

Medical insurance – After you meet with the Surgery Coordinator, you will be asked to visit our Insurance Department.

Please bring with you:

- A referral notice from your primary care physician
- Your driver's license or picture I.D
- Your medical insurance card
- All other necessary information to ensure coverage and proper processing of insurance claim.

Pre-op instructions – Normally, all pre-operation (pre-op) workups must be completed before the day of your surgery.

As you conclude your visit, you will receive an instruction sheet, which includes information on where to go for your pre-op laboratory and blood work.

Payment Process

So that we may better assist you with your payment process:

- We are pleased to file your insurance claim for you
- We accept VISA and MasterCard
- Please plan to pay deductible and copayment at time of visit
- Please plan to pay full amount, if you are a self-paying patient

Should your insurance company not pay as expected, you are required to pay any uncovered amount within 30 days of receiving our invoice. If you do not have insurance and/or anticipate difficulty paying, please call our office ahead of time to set up a meeting with our financial counselor and arrange a payment plan.

The day before surgery – On the day before your operation, please contact your Surgical Coordinator at (352) 331-1201 for any last minute schedule changes that may have occurred and to ask any questions you may have.

Where to go – Both outpatient and inpatient surgeries are performed at North Florida Regional Hospital. Additional outpatient procedures are performed at North Florida Surgical Pavilion. The Surgical Group of Gainesville and both surgery facilities are located within the North Florida Regional Medical Center complex. Please find map and directions on the back panel of this brochure.

Center for Obesity Surgery and Treatment

Surgical Group of Gainesville provides a variety of general surgery services. Gastric bypass and gastric laparoscopic (lap band) surgeries are two of those specialties. We perform hundreds of these operations each year. Not only does this increase our staff's experience and expertise in this field but it also indicates that the hospital staff at North Florida Regional Medical Center and the consulting physicians who help us are well versed in caring for gastric bypass and gastric laparoscopic patients.

Our North Florida Center for Obesity Surgery and Treatment is committed to work with a special population of patients with unique issues and health problems. To learn more, call (352) 331-5255.



Other Things You Should Know

- Our office hours are 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.
- If you must cancel an appointment, please call us as far in advance as possible.
- Please be patient. Our doctors are surgeons and some operations take longer than expected. This may delay your appointment. Bring reading material with you and allow plenty of time for your visit. Take comfort in knowing that we'll also spend extra time with you, if that should be needed.
- If you have an emergency after hours, you may call our office and ask to speak to the emergency physician on duty. This will be one of the eight doctors in our surgical group.
- During office hours, medical calls will be referred to your physician's nurse, who will consult with your doctor and assist with your medical needs.
- Occasionally, we may need to reschedule your appointment due to circumstances beyond our control, such as surgical delays and emergencies. Should this occur, we appreciate your understanding.