

# GOING TO OUR OPERATING ROOM

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- Going to the operating room is not a normal experience for most of us. Dr. Lawton and all of the professional staff caring for you recognize the natural anxiety with which most patients approach this step in the process of achieving their goals. We believe a description of the surgery experience will be helpful.
- Your surgery will be performed here at Aesthetic Enhancement Cosmetic Surgery & Laser Center in our state-of-the-art Surgery Center. Specialists using the most modern equipment and techniques will attend to you. The team includes a Board Certified Anesthesiologist, a trained operating room technician and a registered nurse in charge of the operating room.
- When you arrive at Aesthetic Enhancement, you will be escorted to the Surgery Center. You will be asked to change into a gown and robe. Dr. Lawton and the anesthesiologist will meet with you before you enter the operating suite. This is the time for final surgical planning; it is also when we will do basic preparation or draw on your skin as needed. There will be time for last minute questions.
- Once you enter the operating room, the staff will do everything they can to make you feel secure. You will feel comfortable on our deeply padded operating table, and the nurse or the anesthesiologist will start an intravenous drip in your arm. At the same time, to ensure your safety, our staff will connect you to monitoring devices. Medicines that will make you drowsy will flow through the tubing into a vein in your arm.

## THE RECOVERY ROOM

- When your surgery has been completed and your dressings are in place, you will be moved to the recovery room. You will be connected to monitoring equipment constantly. During this period, a fully trained recovery room nurse will take care of you and remain with you at all times. The registered nurses in the recovery room are specially certified for advanced cardiac life support. The recovery room is equipped just like one in a hospital, and that is one of the reasons Aesthetic Enhancement Cosmetic Surgery & Laser Center's Surgery Center is accredited.
- Your stay in the recovery room will last approximately 1 hour, depending on how soon you are ready to leave. Most patients are fully awake within 30-60 minutes after surgery but may not remember much about their stay in the recovery room.

## POST SURGERY ARRANGEMENTS

- AT HOME: You must arrange for someone to bring you to and drive you home from the Surgery Center. Either a family member, a friend, or a nurse must remain with you the first night after surgery because you will have been sedated.