

*We understand that patients have many questions when they come to our office. We encourage you to take the time to write down any questions you may want answered. To help you get this started, we have included a few common questions and left space for you to write in the answers. Please contact the office at **623.434.7373** if you have further questions after you leave.*

What am I having done and why? _____

What are the risks of this operation? _____

How long will the surgery take? _____

What should family or friends do while I am having surgery? Family or friends should remain in the waiting room until your surgeon has finished surgery and speaks with them. If they are not available, your surgeon will not be able to wait for their return.

Will the doctor speak to my family or a friend on the phone? Please designate ONE person as the contact for your medical information. You will complete a green form that will tell us who that person is. Due to recent changes in federal legislation surrounding patient health information, we are restricted to whom we may disclose your health information. Therefore, we will only release information to persons that you have indicated.

Will I have a scar? Any time an incision is made, a scar will form. While the physicians do their best to minimize scarring, much of the scar formation will depend on your skin's ability to heal and tendency to scar.

When can I take a shower? _____

When can I drive? _____

How long will I be off work? _____

Can I drive myself home or use public transportation after surgery? No. You must have someone drive you home after your surgery. AZ state law prohibits

