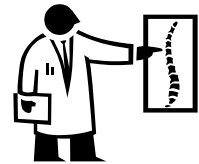


Day of Surgery:

Your provider may require monitoring of your nerves during surgery. You will receive a letter from **Neuromonitoring Associates of Milwaukee** with details and contact information if you have questions. We also have a nice video on our website with a description of the monitoring. Go to our website www.neurosciencegroup.com, click on “Patient Education”, then click on “Videos”, once the video main screen appears, select “Neurological”, then “Spine”, then “Surgical Procedures” and lastly select the title of the video “Intaroperative Montioring (IOM) of the Nerves”.

After surgery you will be taken to the (PACU) (Post Anesthesia Care Unit); typical stays are 45 to 120 minutes. In PACU:

- **Your pain, blood pressure, and nausea will be managed**
- **Your vital signs and neurological exam will be monitored closely**
- **You MAY have an X-ray and/or labs done**



Equipment attached to you after surgery may include:

- IV for fluids and medications, including pain medications
- A wound drain (Hemovac, JP) to drain fluid from the surgical site
- A Foley catheter to drain your bladder
- Oxygen prongs in your nose to allow adequate oxygen delivery to your tissues
- TEDS and/or SCDs (leg wraps) to help prevent blood clots
- Cryocuff (ice pack) to your low back to reduce surgical site pain
- Neck brace if you had cervical surgery

Once you have recovered adequately from anesthesia, you will be moved to the outpatient surgery or inpatient surgery unit where you will spend the rest of your time until discharge. Your care team will outline a plan with goals for discharge and a positive recovery.

Depending on the type of surgery, personal needs, and progress you may reach your goals sooner or later than anticipated.

