

What are pre-anesthetic safety features?

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PRE-ANESTHETIC BLOODWORK – WHY?

There are many conditions that might not be readily apparent on an exam that may adversely affect your pets' ability to clear anesthesia properly and to heal from surgery. Blood tests will screen for pre-existing liver and kidney problems, check for normal blood sugar and protein levels, and detect anemia.

IV CATHETER AND IV FLUIDS – WHY?

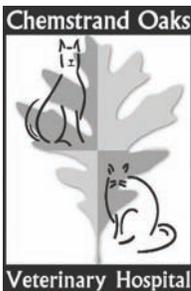
Having quick access to a vein by placing an IV catheter & running IV fluids is very important. It is vital in an emergency and also helps prevent unseen damage to vital organs by ensuring adequate blood flow.

PAIN CONTROL – What's new and why is this priced separately?

Older anesthetics often kept our patients groggy for longer periods, thus masking some of the signs of pain. Newer and safer anesthetic medications have allowed us to wake up your pets much faster. This has unveiled our previous lack of good pain control. Also, the nature of animals to hide their vulnerability to predators sometimes prevents accurate assessment of pain. Therefore, for many years the veterinary community underestimated our patients' pain and did little to control it.

We now have excellent medicines to control our pets' pain and we are taking great strides to do a better job in ours and many other veterinary hospitals. Unfortunately, not all hospitals are addressing the changes and some are still quoting procedures with no pain control or using poor methods. If the surgery would cause you pain, then your pet would experience similar pain. Because of the cost of additional pain medications, we must separate the cost to allow a real comparison of the different quality of pain control offered. Many of the better pain medications have higher costs. A combination of sedatives, local anesthetics, narcotics, and anti-inflammatory medications should be used for balanced pain control. We believe in controlling your pets' pain as if we were the patient.

Please Fill Out Page 2 Of This Form!



SURGICAL ADMITTING & CONSENT FORM

Owner's Name: _____ Date: _____

Pet's Name: _____

Emergency Phone # _____

(My Emergency Number Where I Can Be Reached Today Between 9:00am and 3:00pm)

Procedure To Be Performed: _____



YES NO My Pet Was **FASTED** In Preparation For Anesthesia.

ACCEPT DECLINE

PAIN CONTROL Cost for pain medications range from \$20 to \$40 depending on the procedure and your pet's size (*see the cost explanation sheet*).

NOTE: If you decline pain medications, we reserve the right to refuse to do certain procedures.

ANESTHETIC SAFETY: Our protocol for general anesthesia is to use the safest anesthesia available. For most procedures, we will establish a secure airway by placing a breathing tube in the trachea and then maintain a balanced anesthetic depth with oxygen and gas. We will monitor your pet's heart rate and blood oxygenation levels throughout the procedure.

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Please check the pre-anesthetic safety measures that you would like for your pet:

(see the sheet given to you by the receptionist that explains each service)

ACCEPT DECLINE **PRE-ANESTHETIC BLOODWORK** \$ 49.00

ACCEPT DECLINE **IV CATHETER AND IV FLUIDS** \$ 60.00

NOTE: Aggressive or uncooperative patients may prevent us from performing some, if not all, of these pre-anesthetic test or treatments. In the event that we cannot perform the selected pre-anesthetic safety procedures, we will attempt to contact you at the emergency phone number that you give at the top of this form to discuss the options.

YES NO **If we cannot contact you, do you consent to allow us to proceed with the scheduled procedure if the doctor feels that it is reasonably safe to proceed?**

ADDITIONAL SERVICES REQUESTED WHILE ANESTHETIZED:

MICROCHIP IMPLANT \$ 45.00. Ensures secure identification for your pet. You will need to submit a \$16.99 registration fee for national activation and all benefits (see brochure).

NAIL TRIM \$ 11.50. (No charge if done while anesthetized).

DEEP NAIL TRIM & CAUTERY of the QUICKS \$ 19.50. If your adult dog's nails have been allowed to overgrow, we can painlessly cut your dog's nails very short and cauterize the nail bed. This will make it easier to keep them shorter in the future if you trim the nails regularly in the future. This is especially helpful for black nails or dogs that are fearful about nail trims. This does not prevent you from needing to continue with regular nail trims, but does permit proper lengths.

DEEP EAR EXAM & CLEANING \$ VARIABLE. (No charge if cleaning is not needed). If your pet has extensive problems, we will call and discuss options and price.

CONSENT: I have been advised as to the nature of the procedure or surgery described above and the risks involved. I authorize Chemstrand Oaks Veterinary Hospital's doctors and staff to use appropriate anesthesia and medications to perform the described procedures. I am fully aware that there are inherent risks with anesthesia and surgery and that results cannot be guaranteed. I further realize that I am responsible for full payment at the time of discharge.

As certain conditions may necessitate a change of plans, we will attempt to contact you. In the event that I am unable to be reached, I consent to having Chemstrand Oaks Veterinary Hospital take the steps necessary to help ensure the safe care of my pet(s).

Signature: _____ Date: _____