

PRE-OPERATIVE INSTRUCTIONS

The Fetal Surgery staff, Dr. Chmait, and the Hollywood Presbyterian community want to do everything we can to make your experience as smooth as possible. Please read the following preoperative instructions carefully.

- 1. Do **NOT** eat or drink anything after midnight the night before your surgery; this includes water and gum.
- **2.** Please remove all jewelry.
- **3.** Please go to the Admitting Department on the first floor of the Doctor's Tower on the day of surgery at the time instructed by the fetal nurse.
- **4.** Your family can stay with you during the process, except in the operating room.
- **5.** Your family will be asked to hold your clothing and other belongings while you are having surgery. If your family is not available, other plans will be made.
- **6.** You will be monitored in the recovery room for approximately one hour after surgery. Once you are transferred to your inpatient room, you will be able to have family at bedside.
- **7.** You will stay one night in Hollywood Presbyterian Medical Center unless otherwise instructed.
- **8.** You will advance to a regular diet once you are transferred from recovery.
- **9.** You may bring slippers, a robe, and toiletries, as well as a change of clothes for going home.

For any questions, please call the Fetal Surgery office at (213) 469-6277. You may also call or text Kris and Arlyn directly at (661) 714-6246.