

Jewelry Removal

Before Surgery

For your safety, we ask that all jewelry be removed prior to your surgery. This includes any body-piercing jewelry and/or studs. To ensure safekeeping, we ask that you leave your jewelry at home. During your visit in the Pre-Admission Testing Department, you will be reminded to remove all jewelry before arriving at the hospital on the day of surgery. In some instances, you may need to see a jeweler or other professional prior to surgery for assistance to remove the jewelry.

Jewelry Includes

- All rings, including wedding bands, bracelets (including medic alert), watches, necklaces, and earrings.
- All body piercing jewelry (tongue, chin, lip, nose, nipple, eyebrow, genitalia, navel, ear, etc.)

For Your Safety

Jewelry and body piercing jewelry worn by patients during surgery may pose an increased risk for injury. These injuries may include:

- Physical injury from catching jewelry on bed linen, surgical drapes, or equipment.
- Possible burns from diverted current if a certain type of electro surgery is used.
- Decreased circulation due to intra-operative swelling requiring emergency removal of the jewelry.
- Aspiration or increased risk of chipped or cracked teeth with tongue or mouth jewelry.
- Pressure injury due to muscle relaxation and surgical positioning.

Unfortunately, it may be necessary to re-schedule your surgery if you are unable to remove your jewelry prior to surgery. Our goal is to provide the highest standard of care and maintain a safe environment for all of our patients. The staff at Beth Israel Deaconess Hospital - Plymouth appreciates your cooperation.

If you currently smoke, or have within the last 12 months, the Beth Israel Deaconess Hospital - Plymouth encourages you to please stop for your health and that of your community. Talk to your physician about different ways to stop smoking. For additional information on smoking cessation, call the Massachusetts Smoker's Quitline @ www.quitworks.org or 1-800-TRY-TO-STOP (1-800-879-8678) for English or 1-800-8-DEJALO (-1-800-833-5256) for Spanish/Portuguese. You can also call the American Lung Association @ 1-800-586-4872 or www.lungusa.org.

