What happens during my PACE visit?

Each patient will have a different experience, depending on their health status, procedure and what their physician has ordered for them. Most PACE visits include:

- **Hospital Admitting Procedures**
  Information will be collected so that things will be quicker when you arrive on your day of admission.

- **Blood Tests**

- **X-Rays**

- **EKG (electrocardiogram)**

- **Nursing Assessment and Pre-Operative Education**
  This is an interview with a registered nurse to assess your health and special needs so that we can better care for you during your hospital stay. The nurse will also help you understand what to expect before, during and after your procedure, and how to best prepare for surgery.

- **Nurse Practitioner Anesthesia Assessment and Education**
  An anesthesiology nurse practitioner will perform another assessment. S/he will make sure that any medical conditions which might complicate your anesthetic, are identified and appropriately treated as part of your preparation for surgery. The Nurse Practitioners will also be available to answer your questions.

- **Anesthesia Consult**
  A USC Faculty Anesthesiologist is responsible for ensuring your fitness for surgery and optimizing your preparation for surgery. S/he will confer with your Nurse Practitioner, and then meet with you to:
    - Conduct another examination (if needed) to assess your readiness for surgery
    - Identify which of your regular medications you should take on the day of surgery – if any
    - Discuss your anesthetic options and respond to your questions.

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**Medications**

*Unless your Doctor has told you otherwise, please take any medications as you normally would before your PACE visit. Please bring a list of all your medications and any supplements you take, or bring your medications and supplements in their original bottles to your visit.*