

Patient Instructions

Hysterectomy with Pre-Operative Uterine Artery Embolization (UAE)

Your doctor _____ has scheduled you for a hysterectomy with Pre-operative Uterine Artery Embolization. This is a same-day, two-step procedure/operation. The two step process is being done to reduce your blood loss during surgery. The first step is decreasing the blood supply to your fibroid uterus. This is called Uterine Artery Embolization. This is a minimally invasive procedure, performed by an Interventional Radiologist. Your gynecologist's office will coordinate the Uterine Artery Embolization with your scheduled surgery at Hartford Hospital.

You will be seen and evaluated by an Interventional Radiologist who will determine your appropriateness for Uterine Artery Embolization immediately prior to hysterectomy. This evaluation will include a review of your imaging studies and medical history. The Interventional Radiologist will explain the Uterine Artery Embolization procedure and you will have the opportunity to ask questions and discuss any concerns. The Interventional Radiologist and your Gynecologist will review your treatment plan prior to your scheduled procedure/surgery.

Admission Information

On the day of your surgery, you will be admitted to Hartford Hospital. Your admission will be directly through the Radiology Short Stay Unit (BW2R), located on the 2nd floor of Hartford Hospital's Bliss Building. You will be contacted by the nursing staff in the Hartford Hospital radiology department the day before your surgery. The Hartford Hospital Pre-Admission Center will also contact you and provide you with instructions on how to prepare for your admission.

You will be instructed to arrive at least one and a half hours before the scheduled time of your Uterine Artery Embolization. All efforts will be coordinated upon your arrival to prepare you for both the Interventional Radiology procedure and your surgery. This will include being seen by members of the Anesthesia Care Department.

Once your Uterine Artery Embolization has been completed and you have recovered, you will be transported to the Operating Room for your surgery. When your hysterectomy has been performed, you will be recovered in the Post-Anesthesia Care Unit and then transferred to the nursing unit, N8, where you will remain for the rest of your hospital stay. Your gynecologist will determine the appropriate time for your discharge home.

Questions

If you have any questions regarding Uterine Artery Embolization or the admission process, you may contact the nursing staff in the Hartford Hospital Radiology Department at 860-545-3292. You can also speak with the Hartford Hospital Interventional Radiology Schedulers at 860-545-2360. The Jefferson Radiology Interventional office can be contacted by calling 860-676-0110.

Questions regarding your surgical procedure or post-operative care should be directed to your Gynecologist's office.

Thank you for choosing Hartford Hospital.