

# TESTS BEFORE YOUR OPERATION



Your safety is our first and most important priority.

To help your Surgeon and Anaesthetist to provide the highest possible care and safety during your surgery you may require some tests beforehand to ensure that you are as healthy as possible for a general anaesthetic and surgery.

**If you are either Male and over 50 years or Female and over 60 years,** you will need to have the following tests performed;

- **Chest x-ray - if you have Heart Disease, asthma or previous smoking**
- Full blood count (FBC) and EUC Blood levels
- Electrocardiogram (ECG) of the heart

These tests will need to be organised **no later than four weeks prior to surgery** at the appropriate Hospital Pre-admission clinic.

- Norwest Private Pre-admission clinic (8882 8754 or 8882 8750)
- Macquarie University Pre-admission clinic (9812 3090)
- North Shore Private Pre-admission clinic (8425 3949)
- Hospital for Specialist Surgery Pre-admission clinic (8771 0710)

**If you have any history of anaemia, kidney or liver disease, clotting disorders, diabetes, heart problems** or other conditions that are monitored by regular blood tests please ask your GP to check these. If you are currently taking any heart, diabetes or blood thinning medication you will need to speak with the anaesthetist prior to surgery to confirm if you will need to cease this prior to surgery. At any time, if you have specific concerns call us and we can put you in touch with your anaesthetist.

**If any tests come back abnormal, please advise your anaesthetist as soon as possible.**

**Please make sure you have returned your admission papers to our Hills ENT Office prior to booking in your admission testing and no later than two weeks prior to surgery.**

We look forward to providing you with the highest possible care and safety.