My checklist to be ready for surgery



✓	My checklist to prepare me for my high tibial osteotomy surgery
	At preadmission clinic have these tests: Blood tests <i>as ordered</i> . ECG/Chest X-ray <i>if indicated</i> NB: X-ray for surgery required to be within 6 months of surgery date
	Find a moment to read the important information provided
	Prepare my home—home visit by occupational therapist (if this has been identified as required)
	Arrange for my transport to and from hospital
	Decide if I need extra help after my surgery and arrange
	10 (ten) days before my surgery (if indicated): Urine test
	 From 7 (seven) days before my surgery no shaving, waxing or hair removal product on operation site make sure you know the instructions about what medications to stop and when to stop them 3 (three) days before my surgery
	 blood tests (if ordered) read the 'Message from your Doctor' (below) and follow instructions
	Message from your Doctor There are circumstances where it would be a risk to go ahead with surgery. If you have any of the following: a cold or cough or feeling generally unwell any sign of a scratch, pimple, rash or insect bite or anything else causing a break or irritation to your skin on the same limb or foot you are having surgery. No matter how small it is: Please call the Pre-admission clinic on 07 3163 7127 today, or at any time from today to before your surgery day, that you notice any skin issues
	Insect bites Scratch Slight rash Skin pimple More complex skin issues
	 1 (one) day before my surgery follow the information in the admission guide no smoking, drinking alcohol or eating fatty/greasy foods pack my hospital bag double check when to stop eating double check when to stop drinking
	The day of my surgery
	 follow instructions for taking medications follow instructions for when to stop eating/drinking use the surgical sponge (if you have been given one) to shower and then dress into clean clothes