



### Atlas Surgery Center

#### Protocol for Patients 65 and older

For patients 65 years of age or older and having surgery at our surgery center, Atlas Surgery, Dr. Digenis requires a preoperative evaluation with a nurse at least 6 weeks prior to your surgery. During the visit, the nurse will gather information about your medical history including current medications, surgeries and your overall general health.

Your blood will be collected, and an EKG will be performed to establish your baseline lab values. We offer the convenience of providing a blood panel and EKG by one of our nurses during the preoperative evaluation for \$100 (plus tax). Alternatively, you may have your primary care physician perform these tests and either fax the results to 502.561.0040 or email them to [confidence@digenis.com](mailto:confidence@digenis.com). Keep in mind, however, that failure to get these results to us at least 6 weeks prior to the surgery will result in the cancellation of your surgery and possible forfeiture of your deposit.

If you have had pulmonary issues (i.e. pneumonia, bronchitis, cough, covid or upper respiratory issues) within the past month, you will also need a chest x-ray. Though we do not provide this service, we will provide information on how to obtain one, if needed.

This evaluation is essential and allows you and our team a collaborative approach to optimize your care and ensure a safe operative experience.

I have read and understand the foregoing release, authorization, and agreement before signing my name insofar as the above is concerned. I have read and understand the foregoing release, authorization, and agreement before signing my name below, and enter it knowingly and voluntarily.

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Printed Name

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Signature

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Date