MEDICATIONS:

Routinely used medications have many potential interactions with drugs used during surgery. Therefore, it is necessary that we are aware of ***ALL*** medications you take. This includes all medications prescribed to you by ***ALL*** of your physicians, vitamin supplements, homeopathic (herbal) supplements/remedies, and over the counter medication such as Tylenol, Advil, Aleve, Motrin, acetaminophen, ibuprofen, naproxen or aspirin.

We strongly recommend that you speak with your primary care physician prior to the surgery regarding all the medications you take. Some medications can increase bleeding during surgery, such as aspirin, Ticlid, Plavix, Coumadin, etc..., therefore, you need to know if your medications need to be stopped or replaced before surgery. Also the use of some herbs, including comfrey, ephedra, St. John's wort, ginger, garlic and valerian, feverfew, chamomile, Echinacea, and ginko biloba, can also increase bleeding during surgery; reduce the effectiveness of pain medication; increase blood pressure, and prolong the effects of anesthesia. Therefore, consult with your primary care physician as to whether or not your medications may have to be stopped prior to the surgery and when to resume your medication regime.

Please list ***ALL*** medications and dosages. For your convenience, you can also bring in all your medicine bottles and a staff member can assist you:

NAME OF MEDICINE / SUPPLEMENT	HOW MUCH AND WHEN TAKEN?