

Quality Care

Southgate Surgery Center

It's only natural for people facing surgery to experience anxiety. It's often the minor details surrounding the surgery, however that drives people crazy with worry.

How long will I have to wait? Who's going to drive me and pick me up? Where will I park? Will I know where to go? Add these minor concerns to the big one: Is my surgeon even qualified to perform this operation? and watch stress levels soar, especially for patients traveling to unfamiliar hospitals.

Southgate Surgery Center alleviates those extraneous worries, allowing patients to focus solely on improving their health.

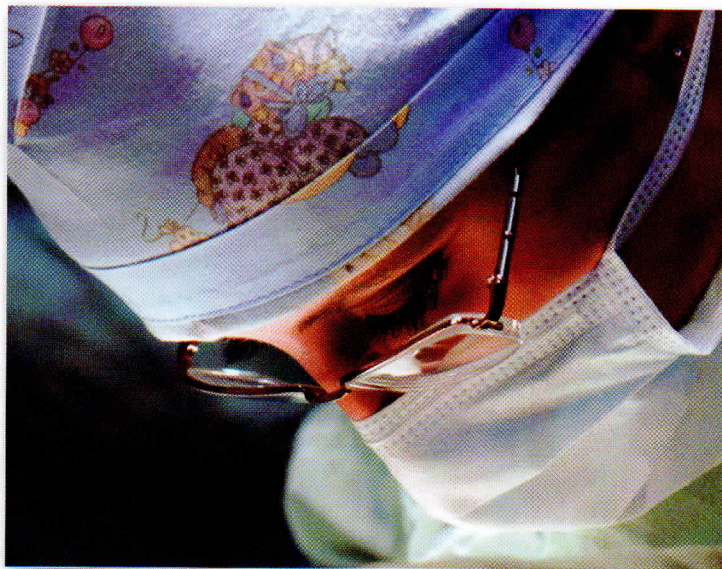
Conveniently located on Dix-Toledo Road between Eureka and Northline, Southgate Surgery Center offers cutting-edge ophthalmology, endoscopy, and podiatry care. The center is a collaborative effort led by renowned Downriver doctors with years of experience in these fields.

By specializing in only these areas, Southgate Surgery Center is able to provide expert medical attention in half the time usually required by outpatient hospital care.

Linda Phillips, RN and Southgate Surgery Center administrator, likens the facility to a well-oiled machine. She explains that downtime between surger-

ies is minimal because these procedures are what the doctors and staff routinely perform everyday. There's no waiting to assemble the proper surgery team as the team is already in place. Both operating rooms are equipped with everything needed for these types of surgeries so there is no waiting for the arrival of specialized equipment. Doctors are able to quickly attend to their patients and get them back to their daily routines.

"Not having to wait forever" is one of things patients like best about the center according to patient response cards says Phillips. "It's not the medical things they comment on, but rather the personal



attention they received," she adds. "Patients always comment on 'how nice and friendly' our staff was and how warm and inviting our center is as opposed to being cold and sterile. They're thankful their family was able to come back into the recovery room, and they were in and out in less time than the hospital."

The shortened stay is not only convenient for patients, it's often financially beneficial as their out-of-pocket expenses can be significantly less than those

incurred at traditional hospitals. Housed in a modest facility, Southgate Surgery Center patients and their families don't have to navigate large parking lots or parking structures. Plenty of handicapped parking is available and a convenient patient pick up area ensures patients never have to worry about bad weather or long walks to the car before and after surgery. The center even offers courtesy transportation for those patients within a 15-20 mile radius.

"Exceptions have been made for patients living farther out," says Phillips.

Established in 1972 by Dr. Lawrence Castleman, Southgate Surgery Center has provided expert care for 35 years. Over 400 surgeries are performed there every month, making it the number one choice among physicians.

"This facility is absolutely first-rate," says Dr. Michelle Akler. "The nursing staff is exceptional, and my patients appreciate the convenience and comfort."

In addition to Drs. Akler and Castleman, other physicians with surgical privileges include: Drs. Marilyn Belmaric, Kamal Gupta, David Tukul, Daniel Kozlow, Julie Reno,

Gregory Katz, Sham Gupta, Sudarshan Singal, Baldev Malik, Martin Apple, Jasmeet Dhaliwal, Carmen Foster, Saif Hafeez, and podiatrists Hasan Hakim, Alex Bouhachem and Ali Safiedine.

State licensed, Medicare approved and accredited by the American Association for Ambulatory Healthcare, the center accepts most insurance plans.

Contact your doctor and inquire about scheduling your upcoming procedure at the Southgate Surgery Center, or call 734 281-0100 for further information. ■