



Banner Good Samaritan Medical Center

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Surgery

Banner Good Samaritan Medical Center cares for more surgical patients than any hospital in Arizona. This wealth of experience and expertise is tremendously important to patients and their families who turn to Banner Good Samaritan for excellent patient care. In fact, numerous medical studies show that high volume in any specific surgery is a key indicator of quality outcomes for a hospital.

The Surgery department at Banner Good Samaritan has 17 operating rooms in a unique surgery-in-the-round design to accommodate a comprehensive and highly complex range of surgical procedures. Leading-edge technology for both general and highly specialized surgeries is routinely available throughout the various operating rooms. Specialty rooms include:

- Three Open-heart surgical rooms
- Two Neurosurgical rooms
- Two Laminar Flow rooms
- One Endoscopic surgical room
- One Trauma surgical room
- One da Vinci robotic surgical room
- Eight Multi-specialty rooms

Surgical patients are first admitted into the Preoperative area where the nursing staff emphasizes a family centered approach to help ease the anxiety a patient may have. All Pre-operative nurses are certified in Advanced Cardiac Life Support, and understand that a team approach helps ensure safety - from the proper identification of a patient to working closely with the surgeon and anesthesiologist.

Banner Good Samaritan physicians and staff pride themselves in their state leadership role in advanced

laparoscopic, or minimally invasive, surgical capabilities. These capabilities benefit a wide range of patients, including those undergoing surgery for reflux disease, kidney transplant, gastric bypass, bowel disorders, hysterectomy, adrenalectomy, hernia repair and more.



Surgeons at Banner Good Samaritan work in several multifaceted arenas, including a 17-room surgical center, expanded obstetrical and cardiology surgery areas and a renovated outpatient surgery center. Above, Banner Good Samaritan is nationally recognized in several major specialties and for its excellence in patient care.

Following surgery, Post-operative nursing staff employs the same family-centered care that patients first experienced in the Pre-operative area. Many surgical patients need the highly specialized care of an intensive care unit following their procedures. These patients can be assured of the very highest level of care provided throughout Banner Good Samaritan's 93 intensive care rooms.

Banner Good Samaritan has two important programs that support surgical patients, including a Surgical Residency program based that trains surgeons, and a Blood Conservation Program for patients who may prefer to decrease or eliminate their need for donated blood during surgery.



In Focus

Blood Conservation Medicine

Banner Good Samaritan's Blood Conservation Medicine program is dedicated to providing medical and surgical care while reducing or eliminating a patient's exposure to blood transfusion. The program meets the needs of a growing number of patients in our community who want effective alternatives to blood transfusion that can reduce risks.

Blood Conservation Medicine is becoming more popular as patients discover the many benefits it offers. Chronic blood shortages are becoming a way of life, with radio, newspaper and television news stories calling for donations almost daily. It is not uncommon for an elective surgery to be postponed or canceled because there is not enough blood available. Despite all the precautions and safety measures taken to ensure a safe blood supply, the risk of transmitting viruses through blood transfusions cannot be completely eliminated. Transfusion-avoidance reduces the risks of patients developing postoperative infections and eliminates the risk of allergic reactions.

Obtaining and maintaining a blood supply is costly. The increasing costs of making blood safer and the administration of blood products emphasize the need for blood conservation programs. Patients who do not require blood products tend to recover faster, promoting shorter hospital stays.

Since Banner Good Samaritan opened its program in 1999, hundreds of our patients seeking this approach in medicine have had complex open-heart operations, spine reconstruction, joint replacement, organ transplantation, and general surgical procedures without the use of blood transfusions.

Blood Conservation Medicine applies a combination of blood management strategies to achieve a transfusion-free outcome in all areas of medicine and specialties and is made possible through a number of advancements in medicine. Our experienced team of over 75 primary-care and specialty physicians is committed to optimal blood management, while our Blood Management Outpatient Service offers pre-operative use of alternatives so that post-operative transfusions occur less frequently.

What can you do?

If you choose blood conservation medicine, please notify your physician prior to hospital admission. Call us if you are seeking referrals to participating primary-care physicians or specialists, wanting assistance with advance medical directives, or preparation of a living will or anticipating surgery in the future. We are happy to answer any questions you may have whether or not you are planning a future hospital stay. For more information, please call the Blood Conservation Medicine office at (602) 839-6070 (outside Phoenix 1-877-815-3114), Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.