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Preoperative care refers to the care and preparation given to a patient before undergoing surgery or a medical procedure. The goal of preoperative care is to ensure that the patient is healthy enough to undergo the procedure and that they are mentally and physically prepared for the experience. Here are some aspects of preoperative care:

Medical Evaluation

Medications: The patient's medication regimen is reviewed, and changes may be made as needed to ensure that the patient is ready for surgery.

Fasting: Patients are usually asked to fast for a specific period before surgery. This is to ensure that the stomach is empty and reduce the risk of aspiration during surgery.

Informed Consent: The patient must provide informed consent for the procedure, which involves an explanation of the risks, benefits, and potential complications.

Preoperative Instructions: Patients are given specific instructions about what to do before the procedure, including when to stop eating and drinking, what to wear, and what to bring with them.

Psychological Preparation: Patients may be anxious or nervous before surgery, and preoperative care may include counseling or relaxation techniques to help them feel more comfortable.

Preparation for Recovery: The patient may be given instructions on what to expect during recovery, including pain management, physical therapy, and restrictions on activity.

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