

PAIN TREATMENT CENTER

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NOTICE TO ALL PATIENTS:

Bring proof of insurance to **EVERY** appointment. Co-pays will be collected at each appointment as due. Please come prepared to provide a urine sample at **EVERY** visit.

You may be offered sedation (relaxation medicine) for your procedure, **HOWEVER**, you may choose to have your procedure without sedation. (We will “numb” the area).

Patients **MUST** have a qualified driver **PRESENT** in the clinic in order to receive sedation. Patients who receive sedation are **NOT TO DRIVE** or operate any mechanical equipment for 24 hours after their procedure. Patients who **DO NOT** have a driver will be offered their procedure without sedation or may be rescheduled for another day when you can arrange for a driver to accompany you.

If you choose to take sedation, **DO NOT EAT SOLID FOOD** 6 hours prior to your appointment. **WE DO RECOMMEND** that you drink plenty of liquids (water, soda, tea, coffee, etc) up until you arrive, please avoid dairy products. If you do not want to be sedated, you are **NOT** restricted on eating or driving yourself.

BRING A CURRENT LIST OF ALL YOUR MEDICATIONS OR THE MEDICATIONS THEMSELVES! DO NOT STOP TAKING ANY MEDICATION WITHOUT CHECKING WITH THE DOCTOR THAT PRESCRIBED IT FOR YOU! IF YOU HAVE BEEN ON ANTIBIOTICS WITHIN THE PAST 2 WEEKS, PLEASE CALL TO SPEAK WITH A NURSE.

Patients on blood pressure or heart medications ***should take them as usual*** on the day of your procedure. You may also take your usual pain medication.

Patients on **BLOOD THINNERS** (anticoagulants) should **be stopped, with the permission of the prescribing doctor**, several days **PRIOR** to your procedure. See the list below for the number of days you should be off these medications.

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| COUMADIN | STOP 5 days before procedure |
| ASPIRIN | STOP 5 days before procedure |
| BRILINTA | STOP 5 days before procedure |
| PLAVIX | STOP 7 days before procedure |
| PERSANTINE | STOP 7 days before procedure |
| EFFIENT | STOP 7 days before procedure |
| AGGENOX | STOP 10 days before procedure |
| PRADAX | STOP 1 or 2 days before procedure |
| XERALTO | STOP 1 or 2 days before procedure |

Dress comfortably-pantyhose, girdles and tight fitting clothes are **NOT** recommended! Elastic waisted garments are a good choice.

Patients are seen according to the schedule. Please do not arrive earlier than you are scheduled as this will increase your wait time. If you have questions, please call and speak to a nurse. **WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU!**