

INFORMATION FOR NEW PATIENTS

1. Your new patient visit is scheduled for approximately 60 minutes. As Johns Hopkins is a teaching institution, and education is an integral part of our mission, there may be a fellow, resident or student seeing patients with me. If one of them sees you first, I will see you after your story and findings have been given to me.
2. In many cases, your appointment is scheduled 1-3 months away. If your doctor believes it needs to be sooner, please have your doctor call me at 410-955-2229.
3. Please fill out and bring with you the blue form entitled "New Patient Questionnaire". This will save time during our visit and allow me to concentrate on you and your neurological problem.
4. One week before your visit, my office will call to confirm your appointment. We need to hear back from you by the end of the week, or we will cancel your appointment. At that time, all necessary insurance referrals and authorizations forms need to be completed and in the office.
5. For most people, this is a single visit consultation about a specific neurological problem. You should plan to be here all day, so that, if needed, additional testing can be done at Hopkins (blood drawing, EMG, skin biopsy, x-rays, etc).
6. At the end of your visit with me and before the testing is completed, I will provide you with my initial impressions. However, these may change as the test results become available. You and your doctor will receive a written note with all the test results including those I may ask you to have after you leave Hopkins. This may take up to four (4) weeks after your visit, depending on the time required for test result reporting. I am happy to discuss my findings and assessment with your referring doctor by phone. If there is something medically urgent in the results, I will call you. Otherwise, please wait for the written note. Calling the office does not make the note come sooner as I am waiting for your results to complete the note. Please read the end of the note (from Assessments onward) as this is the summary of the information you may find of most interest.
7. In most cases, a return visit to Hopkins will not be needed. I am happy to set up a telephone appointment after you receive the note to review things and answer any questions. If I believe that you should return to see me or someone else at Hopkins, I will let you know either by my comments at the end of the note, my calling you, or my secretary calling you for an appointment.
8. I look forward to seeing you and hope I can help you with your neurologic problem.

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