

Preoperative Radiofrequency Ablation Instructions for In-Office Procedure

CANCELLATIONS:

There is a \$100.00 fee for cancellations made less than 48 hours prior to the procedure.

Call as soon as you can if you need to reschedule. This procedure requires special preparation of equipment and a procedure room which is reserved for you. We hope you understand.

GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Allow about 1.5 hours total to be in the office on the day of the procedure.
2. Usually a mild oral sedation is given (usually Valium). It is necessary for you to arrange for someone to pick you up after the procedure.
3. Remember, statistically over 90% of patients are back to normal activities by the next day. If we do the procedure on Friday, you likely will not need to take time off work.

DAY OF PROCEDURE INSTRUCTIONS:

1. You may eat on the day of this surgery.
2. Wear loose fitting comfortable clothing, and comfortable shoes
3. Make sure you have your compression stockings at home. We usually place ACE bandages around your legs after the procedure, but you will need to take the bandages off to shower after 48 hours, and after this, you should wear the compression stockings for about two weeks.
4. Arrange to arrive 15 minutes early. At this point, we'll review the consent forms one more time, and make sure you understand the procedure fully. We'll answer any other questions you may have
5. You'll take a small amount of Valium with a sip of water. We try to start about 15 minutes or so after you've taken the Valium.

FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY:

Although we verify your insurance benefits and coverage as well as obtain authorization when necessary, we do not know your financial responsibility until your insurance company processes a claim. Please be aware that payment is ultimately your responsibility. You should know your insurance benefit coverages, deductibles, copayments, authorization requirements, and exclusions. If you do not know your coverage details, we strongly recommend that you contact your insurance company directly. You may use the following information when calling:

- This procedure will be done in the office
- The diagnosis code for this procedure is 454.1
- The CPT code for this procedure is 36475 (Radiofrequency Ablation)
- The CPT code for follow up sclerotherapy injections is 36471