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## Temecula Valley Neurosurgery, Inc. 25150 Hancock Ave, Suite 210 Murrieta, CA 92562 (951) 587-3739

#### POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

#### Office hours:

Our office is open Monday-Thursday from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm, we are closed for lunch from 12:00pm to 2:00pm but frequently see patients during this time. Fridays from 8:00am-12:00PM. We are closed in observance of major holidays.

# <u>PLEASE BE AWARE THAT OUR PHYSICIANS DO TAKE TRAUMA CALL AND CAN BE CALLED OUT TO AN EMERGENCY AT ANY GIVEN TIME.</u>

#### Wait times:

We strive to provide the best medical care for our patients. While we make every effort to provide prompt on-time service, the healthcare needs of each individual do not necessarily lend themselves to an exact schedule which leads to wait times that can exceed up to 1 hour or more. We therefore appreciate your understanding and patience.

#### APPOINTMENTS:

First time patients are asked to arrive 20 minutes **prior to their scheduled appointment** to allow adequate time for completing the initial paperwork. We ask that you hand carry Insurance cards, Driver's License and ANY CD's with reports related to the appointment reason. Please be advised that all imaging studies must be no more than 1 year old. If a patient arrives to their appointment without the above, they will be rescheduled.

In order to streamline the registration process patients have the option of completing their paperwork online prior to their appointment via our online patient portal. Patients must provide their email address to our office staff so we may send an invitation and portal link. If you would prefer a paper version these can be retrieved from our website, <a href="https://www.tvneurosurgery.com">www.tvneurosurgery.com</a> under the patient resources tab.

#### Late policy:

If a patient arrives greater than 15 minutes late for their scheduled appointment, they will need to be rescheduled to the next available date. If a patient no-shows to three or more appointments, we will assume another physician is treating them and they will be discharged from our care.

#### **Cancellation Fee:**

#### Effective May 01, 2017 -There will be a fee of \$50 if a patient No-Shows to a scheduled appointment.

If there is a need to reschedule please let our office know at least 24 hours in advance. Same day cancellations will be considered a No-Show. A No-Show occurs when a patient fails to keep a scheduled appointment. When a patient is considered a No-show a fee of \$50 will be generated onto the patients account, this fee will need to be paid prior to rescheduling an appointment. Three no shows will require that you seek your medical care elsewhere. In the event that you have a special circumstance regarding your missed appointment, please contact our office manager. We understand that there may be issues beyond your control and want to be understanding of special circumstances.

#### Zero Tolerance policy:

Temecula Valley Neurosurgery adheres to a zero-tolerance policy and has the right to terminate a relationship with any patient who's abusive (including yelling or threatening physicians, staff, or others), who fails to follow directions or who does not pay for/make arrangements to pay for services. Angry or foul language directed to our staff regardless of the issues involved will absolutely not be tolerated and will be grounds for immediate dismissal from our practice.

<u>Referrals</u>: If your insurance requires a referral or prior authorization, please be sure one has been obtained prior to scheduling your appointment. We will be unable to schedule an appointment without an authorization. Please hand carry a copy of your authorization to your appointment or make arrangements to have your referring physician fax a copy to our office with any medical records pertaining to the reason for your visit.

Once a patient is seen by our physicians and further testing is recommended, please allow our referral coordinator 5 business days to process any referrals that require insurance preauthorization.

<u>Handicapped access:</u> There is elevator access in the building for our patients as our office is located on the second floor.

<u>Hospitals</u>: Our physicians perform surgery at Inland Valley Medical Center, Loma Linda Medical Center- Murrieta and Temecula Valley Hospital

<u>Medical Records:</u> Medical records will be stored for 7 years. Copies of medical records can be faxed to another physician upon receipt of a signed medical records release from the patient. If the patient would like a copy of their own medical records, we can share documents within the patient portal at no charge. Please contact our office staff to obtain login information. If the patient prefers paper copies of their own records, a record release form will need to be completed and signed. Please note there is a \$ 0.25 processing fee for each page requested. We will require a 3-day notice for processing medical records requests or for the pickup of films or CD's that have been left in our office.

#### Fees and payments:

Payment in full is due at the time services are rendered unless we are submitting charges to your insurance company. <u>Copays and deductibles are due at time of service or your appointment may be rescheduled.</u> We accept most major credit cards. We also accept personal checks, money orders, cashier checks & cash. Those patients without proof of coverage may be required to pay in full or be asked to reschedule their appointment. If we are not contracted with your particular insurance plan, YOU must pay in full at time of service. You will be given a copy of our charge slip to submit to your insurance company for reimbursement purposes.

Even though we will bill the patient's insurance, we must emphasize that as medical providers our relationship is with the patient, not the insurance company. Billing the insurance does not necessarily ensure payment by the insurance company nor does it release the responsible party from its financial obligation to our office for any unpaid balance. In case of an insurance partial payment, the remaining balance will be due from the patient as noted on billing statement. Balances over <a href="120 DAYS">120 DAYS</a> due may be sent to a collection agency unless other arrangements have been made. A \$30 fee will be assessed on accounts placed in collections. A \$25 service fee will be charged for returned checks due to insufficient funds. We may also elect to discharge you from our practice should you fail to comply with our policy. Should you require a payment plan, our billing department will be glad to discuss your options with you.

<u>Medications:</u> It is our office policy to **ONLY** prescribe narcotic pain medication temporarily to patients who have undergone a recent surgery. Non-surgical patients will need to contact their primary care physician for ALL prescriptions. If you are a patient who underwent recent surgery and require a refill of your medication, please contact our office **DURING BUSINESS HOURS at least 3 business days prior to the refill date.** 

NOTE: REFILLS WILL ONLY BE GRANTED TO PATIENTS WHO HAVE UNDERGONE RECENT SURGERY AND HAVE BEEN SEEN IN THE OFFICE FOR REGULAR POST OP CARE.

I HAVE READ THE ABOVE POLICIES & PROCEDURES AND I UNDERSTAND THAT IF FOR ANY REASON I DISAGREE WITH THE ABOVE, I DO HAVE THE RIGHT TO CANCEL MY APPOINTMENT AND SEEK TREATMENT ELSEWHERE

I hereby assign the insurance benefits to which I am entitled, directly to TEMECULA VALLEY NEUROSURGERY, INC., a medical group. I understand that I am financially responsible for all charges regardless of insurance verification benefits and eligibility, I authorize release of medical records and information regarding medical history that is requested by the insurance company. I hereby authorize treatment by TEMECULA VALLEY NEUROSURGERY, INC. A copy of this authorization is accepted with the same authority as original.

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SIGNATURE OF PATIENT / GUARDIAN	DATE

This agreement will remain valid from this day forward to include all future services relating to the above Patient, or until changes in the above information are required.

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### Acknowledgement of Receipt of Notice of Privacy Practices Health Insurance Portability & Accountability Act (HIPAA)

I hereby acknowledge that I have read a copy of this medical practice's Notice of Privacy Practices. I further acknowledge that a copy of the current notice will be posted in the reception area and on their website <a href="https://www.tvneurosurgery.com">www.tvneurosurgery.com</a>. I also acknowledge that I will be offered a copy of any amended Notice of Privacy Practices at each appointment.

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