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WISCONSIN SPINE AND PAIN
INTERVENTIONAL PAIN SPECIALISTS

Our mission is to provide a patient centered approach to the management of chronic pain through the use of implantable therapies.

From initial consultation through long term device management, our physician led team strives to provide the most comprehensive services possible to restore function, relieve pain and renew hope through effective pain management.

Though we do all we can to get you from initial consultation to permanent device implant as quickly as possible, there are many factors and variables involved. It typically takes anywhere from 2-6 months to get from consultation to permanent implant.

PSYCHOLOGICAL EVALUATION

Prior to any implantable therapies you must be evaluated by a psychologist. If you are already seeing a psychologist and they are willing to provide the required information, the Implant Department can provide them with a list of necessary evaluation criteria. If you are not seeing a psychologist, we will refer you to one. Please note that it may require several visits to complete the psychological evaluation in its entirety.

Once you have been told by the psychologist that the evaluation is complete, please contact the Implant Department so the final report can be obtained by our office.

INSURANCE AUTHORIZATION

Once the psychological evaluation is completed, the Implant Department staff will contact your insurance carrier to request authorization for the implant trial.

If the insurance carrier denies authorization for the procedure, both the patient and Wisconsin Spine and Pain will receive a denial letter outlining why the procedure has been denied. If this occurs we will contact you to discuss your options.

If insurance authorization is received, the Implant schedulers will contact you to schedule your procedure. Please note that the authorization process may take 2-6 weeks to complete depending on your insurance.

SCHEDULING (TRIAL)

As soon as the procedure has been authorized by the insurance carrier, scheduling staff will contact you to schedule the implant trial and the necessary follow-up appointment(s). For your own safety, you must have someone with you for the first 24 hours of your trial or permanent device implant.

PREOPERATIVE HISTORY AND PHYSICAL EXAM

A Pre-Op evaluation is an appointment that you must schedule with your family physician within 30 days of your scheduled implant procedure. At this appointment your doctor will complete a history and physical exam, lab work and an EKG.

If the Pre-Op appointment is not completed prior to your procedure, your procedure date will be postponed or cancelled.

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An Implant Department staff member will contact you 7-10 days prior to your procedure to review any required medications you must stop prior to your procedure, your arrival time, and to answer any questions you may have.

If you take any blood thinners, please discuss stopping these medications with your family physician; these must be stopped prior to your procedure. DO NOT stop any medication without discussing it with your physician.

Be sure to review the post procedure, discharge instructions that will be provided to you and ask questions if there is anything you do not understand.

PROCEDURE (TRIAL)

On the day of your procedure, please be sure to arrive at the time specified by the Implant Department, or you risk the possibility of your procedure being cancelled. Please note that some procedures can run longer than anticipated and every patient is given the time they need to optimize outcomes. As a result, you may end up waiting past the scheduled time for your procedure but be assured that you will also receive the necessary amount of time to ensure a successful outcome.

You will receive sedation for your procedure and therefore you must have a driver with you who must stay at the clinic during the entire procedure.

FOLLOW UP APPOINTMENT

For your safety and well-being, it is extremely important that you keep all follow-up appointments.

Once it is determined your implant trial is successful, the Implant Department staff will submit the required paperwork to your insurance carrier requesting authorization for a permanent implant procedure.

Once authorized, you will be contacted by the Implant Department to schedule your permanent implant procedure and required follow-up appointments.

You will be required to have another Pre-Op evaluation done by your family physician within 30 days of your procedure. If you were able to be scheduled for permanent implant within 30 days of the first Pre-Op then a second appointment is not required.