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Physician Referral Form: Vestibular Testing

Date of Referral:	Referring Physician:
Patient Name:	
Patient Address:	
Primary phone:	Secondary phone:
Primary Insurance, Group ID, contact number:	
Secondary Insurance, Group ID, contact number:	
Indications for referral:	
Please check the tests that are being ordered below:	
VFT/Vestibular Function Test – Routine test battery including: VNG, SHA, and VEMP.	
If a routine test battery (VFT) is not desired, please select individual test orders below:	
VNG/Videonystagmography – "gold standard" for identification of vestibular hypofunction.	
SHA/Rotational Chair Test – test providing supporting information regarding magnitude of vestibular hypofunction, or quality and degree of central nervous system compensation for vestibular hypofunction.	
VEMP/Vestibular Evoked Myogenic Potential – assessment of otolith organs and vestibular nerve function.	
CDP/Computerized posturography – provides information regarding ability of central nervous system to accurately integrate visual, somesthetic, and vestibular signals.	
HE/Audiometry – conventional behavioral hearing evaluation.	
ABR/Neurodiagnostic Auditory Brainstem Response – objective evaluation of the integrity of the VIIIth nerve and pontine auditory pathways brainstem response to auditory stimuli.	
EcochG/Tympanic Electrocochleography – assesses whether increased intralabyrinthine pressure is present. Referral must be accompanied by recent audiogram and ear canals must be free of debris for this test.	
Physician signature:	
Office phone:	Office fax:
This form may be placed directly into the fax machine for referral (Fax: 615-936-5088).	
A copy of patient instructions is on the reverse of this form.	
Test results will be forwarded to referring physician's office via fax within 24 hours of completion.	

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Patient Instructions for Vestibular Function Testing

- The standard appointment is scheduled to be 2 hours long.
- If you are already unsteady or dizzy before your appointment, we suggest that you bring someone with you who can drive you home after the testing has been completed.
- Your testing might include: sitting with your head still for 5-10 minutes at a time, an examiner moving your head into various positions for 5-10 minutes at a time, standing for less than 15 minutes at a time, sounds played to your ear via an earphone less than a minute at a time, or water trickled into your ear for less than a minute at a time.
- Since many foods and beverages can affect the results of this test we ask that you do not eat anything 6 hours prior to the appointment. If you are diabetic you may eat a small meal (example: toast and juice) on the morning of your test.
- Please continue to take your prescription medications, however, we ask that you bring with you a list of these medications and their dosages.
- Please do not wear makeup or moisturizer, especially mascara and eye liner because they can affect the results of the tests.
- If you have hearing aids or cochlear implants, please wear them for your appointment.