

Dear Patient:

It is with pleasure that we welcome you to Capital Women's Care. To help your visit go as smoothly as possible, please assist us by bringing the following with you:

- Please complete all documents in this packet.
- Current insurance card(s)and Drivers License or Photo ID must be presented upon arrival.
- Insurance referral form, if necessary.
- Co-payments are collected upon arrival. We accept cash, check, American Express, Visa, MasterCard, and Discover.
- Please arrive 20 minutes before your scheduled appointment time to complete the necessary registration information.
- **Missed Appointment Policy:** We respectfully request that you cancel your scheduled appointment by phone 24 hours in advance. Your cooperation and consideration is appreciated.

Important Reminders

- Capital Women's Care is located in Suite 459 (4th floor) 1850 Town Center Parkway, Reston, VA 20190...
- We participate with many insurance companies. If your insurance company requires a referral it
 is your responsibility to obtain the referral. The referral must be presented at the time of your
 appointment. This office cannot provide treatment if the required referral has not been obtained.
 If you do not have your insurance referral form at the time of your appointment we reserve the
 right to cancel and reschedule your appointment or you may pay in full at the time of service.
- Please notify our office if there are any changes to the following information: Home Address, Telephone number(s) or Insurance information.
- The charge for completion of forms is \$10.00. Forms will be completed with 7-10 business days.
- Release of Medical Records: We will ask you to complete a signed authorization for the release of medical records. Please allow five business days for the processing of medical records. Please contact the office for more information about the cost of copying medical records.
- Late Arrivals: If you are 15 minutes late for your appointment, we will do our best to accommodate you but it may be necessary to reschedule your appointment.

Sincerely,

The Staff of Capital Women's Care

Preparing for Hysteroscopy:

Prior to the procedure, it's important to

- Inform us about any existing health conditions, such as diabetes, high blood pressure, heart disease, or bleeding disorders.
- Disclose all medications you are currently taking, including over-the-counter drugs, prescription medications, vitamins, herbs, or supplements.
- Follow any instructions provided regarding abstaining from food or drink prior to the procedure.
- Undergo pregnancy and infection screenings if recommended.
- Be prepared to sign a consent form and possibly take a pain reliever before the procedure to manage potential discomfort.

What to Expect During the Procedure:

During hysteroscopy

- You'll be positioned on an exam table with your feet in stirrups.
- You may receive general anesthesia or sedatives to help you relax.
- A speculum is inserted into the vagina to hold it open, followed by the insertion of a hysteroscope—a
 thin, illuminated tube with a camera—to visualize the uterus.
- Numbing medication may be applied to the cervix, and the uterus may be filled with gas or fluid for better visibility.
- Additional instruments may be passed through the hysteroscope for tissue sampling or growth removal.

Post-Procedure Care:

After hysteroscopy

- Expect some cramping and bleeding, which is normal. Use pads instead of tampons.
- Avoid douching or using tampons until cleared by your healthcare provider.
- Refrain from using vaginal medications until instructed otherwise.
- Consult your provider about resuming sexual activity.

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When to Seek Medical Attention:

Contact our office if you experience

- Heavy bleeding (more than one pad per hour for two or more hours)
- Fever above 100.4°F (38.0°C)
- Increasing abdominal pain or soreness
- Foul-smelling discharge

Follow-Up Care:

 Schedule a follow-up appointment with your healthcare provider to review test results and discuss further treatment options. Be sure to adhere to any post-procedure instructions and attend all scheduled appointments.