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Ancillary Services

Our office provides additional services on site that can be beneficial in your pain treatment.

Allergy Testing – Current research suggests some chronic pain disorders are potentially associated with allergic disease. Allergy testing may aid our physicians in the diagnosis and treatment of chronically painful conditions.

Back Braces – Back braces have been shown to provide support for weak spinal muscles, reduction in pain levels and to increase patient mobility and quality of life. We can fit patients and provide appropriate instructions for use in the comfort of our office.

Balance Testing – Many patients are at high risk for falls. For patients with dizziness or balance dysfunction we can provide balance testing and training on site.

Genetic (DNA) Testing – Pharmacogenetic testing identifies each patient's unique metabolic pathways. These pathways determine individual responses to medications. The test is performed with a simple swab of the inner cheek. The results may explain why some medications seem to be more or less effective in reducing pain levels. Testing can be used by our physicians to optimize a patient's medication regimen and reduce potential side effects.

PRP (Platelet Rich Plasma) Injections – PRP injections utilize a patient's own blood to offer a promising solution to accelerate healing of tendon injuries and osteoarthritis. This treatment can reduce pain by decreasing inflammation and stimulating repair and regeneration of native tissues. PRP serves as a natural treatment minimizing patient risk from exogenous substances.

PT/INR Thrombosis Testing – Some patients taking Coumadin may be asked to safely discontinue this medication prior to a procedure. As a convenience to these patients, we offer same day, in-office PT/INR testing.

Shingles Vaccination (Herpes Zoster) (Zosatvax) – Patients who have had chicken pox have a greater risk of developing shingles later in life. For patients who are at risk for shingles, the vaccination is available in office.

Tobacco Cessation Counseling – New research now demonstrates that smoking cessation has a causal relationship with improvements in pain patients with spinal disorders and axial and radicular pain. Researchers have shown that individuals who have been successful in smoking cessation demonstrate greater improvements in pain symptoms than those who continue to smoke. We would like to help.