



Important General Checklist

A general checklist of things to bring to M. D. Anderson...

- Completed (8-page) Patient History Database form, which comes in this packet. **There may be a delay in seeing your physician if you do not arrive with your completed form.**
- Your appointment schedule and other materials sent to you.
- All insurance information, including health insurance and prescription insurance cards.
- Medical information, including your actual pathology slides that must be sent by overnight delivery or hand-carried for your first appointment.
- Copies of doctors' notes and operative reports.
- Actual diagnostic films such as CT scans, MRIs, ultrasounds, and X-rays must be hand-carried to your first appointment. Please do not mail unless requested by your referral specialist. Your radiology facility may offer to provide copies of these X-rays on a CD, and this is acceptable. **However, in order for our radiologists to view outside X-rays on a CD it is critical that they be provided in the proper format. Please instruct your radiology facility providing those films to provide them as DICOM format CDs.**
- Please include notes from other physicians for any other medical problems you may have.
- A list of all your doctors and their telephone numbers and addresses.
- A list of all your prescription and non-prescription medications in the original, labeled bottles. This request includes vitamins, nutritional supplements, herbal products and over-the-counter drugs.
- Your completed Living Will and Medical Power of Attorney documents. (If you do not have these documents when you arrive for your first appointment, ask to meet with the social worker assigned to this center.)
- A list of questions you may want to ask your doctor. Bring a small notebook for keeping notes.
- Comfortable clothing and shoes and a sweater.
- A local telephone number or cell phone.
- A book, magazines or handwork to help pass the time between appointments.

Important phone numbers...

askMDAnderson

1-877-MDA-6789

www.mdanderson.org/contact_us

For questions about treatment options, resources and programs at M. D. Anderson.

Cancer Prevention Center

1-800-438-6434 or 713-745-8040

For cancer screening to detect any existing cancer at its earliest and most treatable stage.

Anderson Network

1-800-345-6324 or 713-792-2553

For support from someone who has experienced the same diagnosis and treatments.

Place ... of wellness

713-794-4700

For a warm environment with programs to enhance the quality of life.

Jesse H. Jones Rotary House International

1-800-847-5783 or 713-790-1600

The "House with a Heart" where you can stay while you're here.

Patient Travel Services

1-888-848-9992 or 713-745-2300

For assistance in planning a trip to or from M. D. Anderson.

M. D. Anderson Web site

www.mdanderson.org

For information about clinical trials and various programs at M. D. Anderson.



Gastrointestinal Center Checklist

A general checklist of things to bring to the Gastrointestinal Center...

- Your appointment schedule and any important material sent to you by the care center.
- All current insurance information.
- Please complete the patient history questionnaire in this packet and bring it with you to your appointment.
- Please remember to bring your actual films (X-rays, CT, MRI, Bone Scan) and reports to give to your nurse or physician. A CD or floppy disk cannot be substituted for the films.
- Please take your medications and eat as you normally would on the day of your appointment **unless** you receive other instructions.
- When you arrive at the Gastrointestinal Center, located in the Main Building on Floor 7 near Elevator A, please sign in at the front desk.
- Please notify the nurse of any changes in your name, address, phone number, insurance coverage, or follow-up physician.
- Before you leave the center, please check with your Patient Service Coordinator (PSC) or nurse to make sure you have no tests scheduled for that day.
- To schedule a return appointment, please speak with your PSC before leaving the center. If you leave without an appointment card or a computer printout of your schedule, you will receive a letter in the mail with your appointment.
- If you have been hospitalized at M. D. Anderson and your return appointment was not given to you at the time you left the hospital, call your PSC at least three days after your discharge to clarify when your next center visit is scheduled .

Note: If you are not able to keep your appointment or have questions, please call 713-792-2330.

Important phone numbers...

Gastrointestinal Business Center

713-792-4796 Office

713-792-4800 Fax

Gastrointestinal Center

713-792-2330

Endoscopy Center

713-792-2329

Emergency Center

713-792-3723

Department of Social Work

713-792-6195

Case Management

713-745-2850

Patient Advocacy

713-792-7776

For general information about the Gastrointestinal Center, please visit our Web site at:
http://www.mdanderson.org/care_centers/gastro/index.cfm.

M. D. Anderson values patients' privacy and is strongly committed to maintaining confidentiality of your health information. You will be asked to sign a Release of Information form at Registration.

Location & Hours: The Gastrointestinal Center is located in the Main Building on Floor 7 near Elevator A. Hours of operation are Monday – Friday, 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.