



## 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](http://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](http://www.mdanderson.org)**

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



## Brain and Spine Center Checklist

### A general checklist of things to bring to the Brain and Spine Center...

- Please arrive 15 minutes prior to your scheduled registration appointment.
- Your appointment schedule and any important material sent to you by the care center.
- All current insurance information and cards including pharmacy coverage.
- A list of all your doctors with addresses and phone numbers.
- Your actual glass pathology slides from every surgery pertinent to your diagnosis. For assistance, call Pathology at 713-792-3111. Unless otherwise indicated by the referral specialist, slides must be sent by overnight mail to:  
Outside Pathology, Unit 85  
M. D. Anderson Cancer Center  
1515 Holcombe Blvd.  
Houston, TX 77030
- Copies of treatment reports, test results and doctor's notes from your physicians.
- All diagnostic films such as MRIs and CT scans must be hand-carried to your appointment unless sent ahead of time and you have verified we have received them.
- Bring all medications you are currently taking.
- Before you leave the center, please check to make sure you have no other appointments scheduled that day.
- Following your visit, your Patient Services Coordinator (PSC) assigned to your doctor will schedule any necessary appointments and/or tests.
- 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 713-792-6600.

**Note:** Please call the Brain and Spine Business Center at 713-792-7728 before you come to make sure everything is ready for your appointment. If you are not able to keep your appointment or have questions, please call 713-792-7728 or 713-792-6600.

### Important phone numbers...

**Brain and Spine Center**  
713-792-6600

**Brain and Spine Business Center**  
713-792-7728 or 800-392-1611 Office  
713-745-4349 Fax (New Patient)  
713-745-5395 Fax (Returning Patient)

**M. D. Anderson Main Switchboard**  
713-792-2121

**Emergency Center**  
713-792-3723

**Department of Social Work**  
713-792-6195

**Patient Advocacy**  
713-792-7776

For information about *myMDAnderson*, please visit the Web site at <https://my.mdanderson.org/>.

*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 Brain and Spine Center is located in the Main Building on Floor 7 near Elevator B. Hours of operation are Monday – Friday, 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.