



Harbor Audiology & Hearing Services, Inc.

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Hours: Monday-Thursday 9 AM – 5 PM

Friday 9 AM – 4 PM

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**PATIENT (ADULT - VNG) APPOINTMENT INFORMATION**

PRIOR TO YOUR APPOINTMENT, PLEASE MAKE CERTAIN TO:

1. Complete the enclosed forms
2. Bring the completed forms with you to the appointment (alternatively you may also fax or email them ahead of time)
3. Bring your insurance card and a valid I.D. to the appointment.
4. Plan ahead and arrive **at least** 15 minutes early.
5. If you are scheduled for balance (dizziness) testing, please review the pre-test instructions at least 24 hours prior to your appointment.

Note: Testing procedures take time and we have appointments scheduled throughout the day. For this reason, if you arrive late, you may be forced to wait or we may have to reschedule your appointment at our discretion.

If you have any questions or require further directions, please contact us at (253) 851- 3932.

Thank You!



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### PRE-APPOINTMENT INFORMATION & INSTRUCTIONS

#### MEDICATIONS:

Medications can affect your balance/dizziness evaluation by influencing the body's natural responses and thus giving a false or misleading result. As such, you will be instructed to refrain from taking certain medications 24 hours prior to your test time. If you have any questions or concerns about discontinuing your medications, please consult with your doctor.

#### **Please do not take any of the following 24 hours prior to your appointment.**

1. **Analgesics-Narcotics:** Codeine, Demerol, Phenaphen, Percocet, Darvocet
2. **Anti-histamines:** Chlor-trimeton, Dimetapp, Disophrol, Benadryl, Actifed, Teldrin, Triaminic, Hismanol, Claritin or any other over-the-counter cough or cold remedies.
3. **Anti-seizure medicine:** Dilantin, Tegretol, Phenobarbital
4. **Anti-vertigo medicine:** Antivert, Ru-vert, Bonine, Meclizine
5. **Anti-nausea medicine:** Atarax, Dramamine, Compazine, Bucladin, Phenergan, Thorazine, Scopalamine, Transdermal
6. **Sedatives:** Halcion, Terstoril, Nembutal, Seconal, Dalmane or any other sleeping pill
7. **Tranquilizers:** Valium (diazepam), Librium, Atarax, Vistaril, Serax, Ativan (lorazepam), Librax, Tranxene, Klonopin, Xanax (alprazolam)

You may continue to take all blood pressure medications, diabetic medications, heart medications, thyroid medications, Tylenol, estrogen, etc. Please consult with your physician before discontinuing any prescribed medication.

#### FOOD AND DRINK:

Please refrain from smoking, eating or drinking large amounts 4 hours prior to testing. You may drink a small amount of water or eat a light snack. **Please avoid caffeine in beverages such as coffee or soft drinks.**

Beer, wine, and liquor will affect your test results. **Please do not consume any alcoholic beverages for 12 hours prior to your appointment.**

#### OTHER INFORMATION:

**Please do not wear any makeup (especially eye makeup)** and remove contact lenses before your appointment.

Dress comfortably (slacks are preferred, as you may be required to lie on an exam table).

Balance testing, while typically well tolerated, can sometimes leave you with a temporary feeling of dizziness or unsteadiness. If you have concerns you may want to consider having someone accompany you to/from your appointment.

On the day of your appointment, a single test or battery of tests will be performed. Prior to each test, a brief explanation will be given so that you will have a better understanding of what is being evaluated and why. We make every attempt for your visit to be comfortable and educational. Once your evaluation is complete, each exam will be carefully reviewed. The interpretation process is just as important as your testing so please understand that results may not be discussed in full detail on that day. Once the interpretation has been made, you and/or your doctor will receive a detailed report of your evaluation within one week.



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### PATIENT INFORMATION

**DUE TO HIPAA REGULATIONS, ALL INFORMATION MUST BE FILLED OUT, OTHERWISE WE WILL NOT BE ABLE TO PROCESS YOUR CLAIM AND YOU MAY BE BILLED FOR MEDICAL SERVICES.**

LAST NAME:

FIRST NAME:

ADDRESS:

CITY:

STATE:

ZIP CODE:

DATE OF BIRTH:

SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER: - -

MARITAL STATUS:  Single  Married  Divorced  Separated  Widow/er GENDER:  M  F  Other

HOME PHONE:

CELL PHONE:

MAY WE LEAVE MESSAGES FOR YOU AT THESE NUMBERS?  YES  NO

### MISC CONTACT INFORMATION

EMERGENCY CONTACT:

RELATIONSHIP:

HOME PHONE:

CELL PHONE:

I AUTHORIZE THIS OFFICE TO DISCUSS CARE INFORMATION OR TREATMENT WITH:

REFERRING PHYSICIAN:

PHONE NUMBER:

HOW DID YOU HEAR ABOUT US?  Friend  Doctor's Office  Internet  Other:

### EMPLOYMENT

EMPLOYMENT STATUS:  Full-time  Part-time  Self-employed  Retired  Student

OCCUPATION:

MAY WE CONTACT YOU AT WORK?  YES  NO

EMPLOYER:

WORK PHONE:

WORK ADDRESS:

### INSURANCE INFORMATION

PRIMARY INSURANCE CARRIER:

POLICYHOLDER NAME:

RELATIONSHIP TO PATIENT:

INSURANCE ID:

GROUP NUMBER:

SECONDARY INSURANCE CARRIER:

POLICYHOLDER NAME:

RELATIONSHIP TO PATIENT:

INSURANCE ID:

GROUP NUMBER:

#### Assignment of Benefits

By signing below, you: (1) allow us to submit a claim along with your medical information to your managed care plan, insurance company, or other Program you have identified as potentially providing coverage for hearing aids and service you receive (any of which will be referred to as the "Plan"); (2) allow us to assign your benefits under the Plan for payment directly to us; (3) acknowledge that you understand and agree to pay us for any applicable co-payments, deductibles, and co-insurance under your Plan; and, (4) if the plan allows, acknowledge that you understand and agree to pay for the difference between the price of the hearing aid(s) and/or services and the amount of the benefit collected from your Plan.

SIGNATURE:

DATE:



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### BALANCE / DIZZINESS QUESTIONNAIRE

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE OF BIRTH: \_\_\_\_\_ TODAY'S DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

REFERRING PHYSICIAN: \_\_\_\_\_ Height: \_\_\_\_\_ Weight: \_\_\_\_\_

Prior patient?  YES  NO

What is your chief complaint (symptoms)?

When and how did this first occur?

How long did it last or is it ongoing?

Have you had this problem before?

When did you last experience your symptoms?

Have your symptoms?  Improved  Worsened  Stayed the same

Have you had any previous testing or therapy for dizziness / imbalance?  YES  NO

If yes, when and where was the testing done?

**How would you grade the overall severity of your symptoms on your daily function, using a 1-10 scale with 1 being "no limitations" and 10 representing "incapacitated?" (please circle) 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10**

#### Have you ever experienced any of the following? (Please check all that apply)

Double vision  Blindness/loss of vision  Unable to speak/swallow  Slurred speech

Flashes of light  Loss of consciousness  Weakness or numbness on one side (arms, legs, face)

#### MEDICAL HISTORY (Please check all that apply)

Abnormal Heart Rhythm  Cytomegalovirus (CMV)  High Fever  Pacemaker

ADD / ADHD  Depression  High / Low Blood Pressure  Parkinson's Disease

Allergy / Sinus Problem  Diabetes  HIV / AIDS  Polio

Alzheimer's / Dementia  Genetic Disorder  Kidney Disease  Rubella

Anemia / Blood Disease  Glaucoma, Cataract  Liver Disease  Scarlet Fever

Anxiety or Depression  Head or Neck Injury  Measles or Mumps  Seizure Disorder

Arthritis  Headaches/Migraine  Ménière's Disease  Stroke

Autoimmune Disease  Heart Disease  Meningitis  Syphilis

Cancer  Hepatitis (A, B, or C)  Multiple Sclerosis  Thyroid Disorder

Cerebral Palsy  Herpes  Neuropathy  TMJ

Chronic Pain  High Cholesterol  Otosclerosis  Tuberculosis

Cleft Palate or Lip

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

## DIZZINESS / VERTIGO

Do you have dizziness?  YES  NO (If no, you may proceed to the next section)

If you have dizziness, which best describes it? (check all that apply)

Spinning rotation  Lightheaded  Rocking motion  Head swimming  Floating feeling  
 Sense of falling  Poor balance  Motion sickness  Tilting/Leaning  Other:

Is your dizziness?

Continuous  Continuous but periodically worsens  Intermittent or episodic

If episodic, how often?

Do you have any warning that the attack is about to start?

If you have attacks of dizziness or periods of worsening, when do they occur? (check all that apply)

When standing up  During weather changes  Turning eyes side to side  With head movement  
 In crowded places  Seeing things in motion  When straining or lifting  When exercising  
 When hungry  When stressed  When fatigued  With menstruation  
 When turning in bed, rolling over or looking up/down  Other:

## EQUILIBRIUM / BALANCE

Do you have loss of balance or unsteadiness?  YES  NO (If no, you may proceed to the next section)

If you have loss of balance or unsteadiness, which best describes your problem? (check all that apply)

Off balance only when standing up  Off balance when walking  Off balance when turning  
 Off balance when sitting or laying  Off balance in darkness  Off balance on uneven surfaces  
 Environment seems in motion  Tendency to veer to the side when walking  
 Tendency to fall forward/backward  Other:

Do you get motion sickness easily (airsick, carsick, or seasick)?  YES  NO

Have you had recent falls?  YES  NO

How many times in the last month?

What caused the fall(s)?

Are you afraid of falling?  YES  NO

## OTOLOGIC HISTORY

Do you have difficulty hearing?  YES  NO If yes, for how long?

Which ear?  Left  Right  Both Is the hearing loss?  Sudden  Gradual  Fluctuates

Does this change with your symptoms?  YES  NO Do you wear hearing aids?  YES  NO

Do you have tinnitus (noise in your ears)?  YES  NO If yes, for how long?

Which ear?  Left  Right  Both Is the tinnitus?  Constant  Intermittent  Pulsing

Does the tinnitus change with your symptoms?  YES  NO

Have you ever experienced any of the following? (Please check all that apply)

Sudden hearing loss  YES  NO Which ear?  Left  Right When?

Ear pain or fullness  YES  NO Which ear?  Left  Right Details:

Frequent ear infections  YES  NO When was the last?

Discharge / drainage  YES  NO Please describe:

History of ear surgery  YES  NO Please describe:

History of noise exposure  YES  NO Please describe:

Family history of hearing loss  YES  NO Please describe:

**SURGICAL HISTORY** (please list any surgeries and/or operations that you have had)

**MEDICATIONS** (please list current medications and what you are taking them for)

**(PLEASE LEAVE THIS SECTION AND THE REST OF THIS FORM BLANK)**

**NOTES:**

**FDA Reference Criteria**

1. Visible congenital or traumatic deformity of the ear
2. History of active drainage from the ear in previous 90 days
3. History of sudden hearing loss or progressive hearing loss within 90 days
4. Acute or chronic dizziness
5. Unilateral hearing loss of sudden or recent onset within 90 days
6. Conductive hearing loss: Audiometric A-B gaps > 15dB at 500-2000Hz
7. Visible evidence of impacted cerumen or foreign body in canal
8. Otalgia or ear discomfort

**Reference Criteria**

1. Otalgia
2. Inflammation of the ear
3. Foul smelling or purulent aural drainage
4. Otitis media
5. Vertigo-Initial evaluation/recent onset
6. Tinnitus-Initial evaluation/recent onset
7. Blocked feeling in ear
8. Balance disturbance
9. Spontaneous nystagmus
10. Symptoms associated with ototoxic drugs
11. Impacted cerumen
12. Neurological evaluation
13. Meniere's disease
14. Asymmetrical hearing loss-Initial evaluation/recent onset
15. Sudden hearing loss initial evaluation/recent onset
16. Perforated tympanic membrane

**Audiologist Initials:** \_\_\_\_\_