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## Information for Patients Referred for a Procedure

**Who is Dr. Franiak?** Randall Franiak, MD is a specialist in pain medicine. He is an alum of University of Chicago, Indiana University, Duke University and Northwestern University. He was recognized with the Pfizer Award for Excellence in Pain Management during his fellowship at Northwestern University. He is board-certified in both Anesthesia and Pain Medicine. He has been in practice for 20 years. He was co-chief of Anesthesia at Methodist Hospital for many years. He has been in private practice specializing in pain management for the last 10 years. The practice is nationally accredited by AAAASF.

**What do I need to bring?** Bring your completed New Patient Forms (we can email them to you, or you can print them from our website), a list of current medications you take, photo ID and insurance card, your X-ray or MRI films (or a disc with the images). Someone will need to drive you to and from your appointment if you are having a procedure.

**Why do I need a driver?** It's a precaution. Pain can be very distracting to drivers. Numbing medicine is used for the procedure, and rarely this can make your legs feel weak. Also, if you choose to have sedation you will likely be drowsy after the procedure.

**Do I need to avoid eating the day of the procedure?** The surgery centers require that you **do not** eat 8 hours before your procedure. If you are scheduled to have the procedure at our main office, there are no eating restrictions.

**Please inform us if you...** Are pregnant, allergic to medications, or take medications that thin your blood, such as: Plavix, Coumadin, Warfarin, Aggrenox, Ticlid, Pradaxa, Effient, Eliquis, etc. If you take blood thinner medications, you may be required to stop this medication prior to your procedure. Do not stop taking your blood thinner until we check with your prescriber.

**Will I be awake for the procedure?** Yes, general anesthesia is not needed for most procedures. If you are anxious Dr. Franiak can give you some sedation in an IV right before the procedure.

**Does this procedure hurt?** Most patients say it was a lot LESS painful than they expected. Dr. Franiak is very skilled at providing local anesthesia (numbing medicine).

**Does Dr. Franiak prescribe narcotics?**- If you are referred for a procedure, you will not be evaluated for ongoing narcotic medication management at that appointment. You will not likely need strong pain medication due to the procedure. Only one doctor should be prescribing narcotics for you, so if your referring doctor has prescribed pain medicine for you they may continue to do so. If your referring doctor would like us to take over prescribing narcotics for you on an ongoing basis, that requires a separate appointment and you would be subjected to our policies in that regard. Narcotics are NEVER called in from this practice.

**When can I go back to school/work after the procedure?** We recommend taking it easy the day of your procedure. You can most likely return to work the following day. We can provide you with a school/work excuse if you need it.