WHAT TO EXPECT: AAA Endovascular Repair



FIS Evaluation Clinic Located at TGH

All patients are first evaluated at our outpatient clinic at Tampa General Hospital (TGH) in the Harborside Building located at 5 Tampa General Circle, 8th Floor, Suite 820, Tampa, FL 33606. We are in the same office as FACT (Florida Advanced Cardiothoracic Surgery). Valet parking is offered in front of the Harborside Building and self-parking is always available in the parking garage. (See Map on Page 3)

What to Bring to Your Evaluation

On the day of your evaluation, please bring all of your imaging (CTA/MRA/Doppler Ultrasound) and blood tests results if they were not performed at TGH. We prefer imaging on CDs for our later review. If you are seeing your primary care doctor or vascular doctor, please request that they fax your records to our office at (813) 844-4032 prior to your evaluation. If we do not receive your medical records prior to or on the day of your appointment we will have to reschedule.

Evaluation Appointment

During your evaluation appointment we will review your imaging, medical history, and overall health. We will discuss the risks and benefits of the procedure and the expected post-operative course and follow-up. Prior to leaving the office you will be scheduled for your procedure. If for some reason we cannot schedule you at that time, the scheduler will call you soon after your evaluation to schedule your procedure.

FIS Procedure Clinic Located at TGH

Our Procedure Clinic Registration is located at TGH in the Bayshore Pavilion Area K, take elevators to the 3rd floor and precede to the 3K Registration Desk. Valet parking is offered for a small fee on the day of your procedure in front of the Main Entrance and self-parking is always available in the parking garage. (See Map on Page 3)

Preparation for the Day of Your Procedure

We ask that you DO NOT eat anything after midnight on the night prior to your procedure or at least 6 hours prior to your procedure. Eating breakfast will force us to delay your procedure as we cannot give you anesthesia safely if you have eaten within 6 hours. We ask all patients to arrive two hours prior to their scheduled procedure and report to the 3rd floor of the Bayshore Pavilion. Again our procedure clinic is in the Bayshore Pavilion and after you are registered on the 3rd floor, you will be directed to a private preoperative room. Blood tests are performed as soon as you arrive to assure you are well enough to undergo the procedure.

Medications Administered

During the procedure you are given general anesthesia by an Anesthesiologist.

AAA Endovascular Repair Procedure

A small incision or puncture is made in both femoral arteries in the upper thighs. This allows access into the aneurysm so that the stents can be placed. Using X-ray and special ultrasound for guidance, the stents are built inside the aneurysm to divert blood flow through the stents and avoid the aneurysm walls. The procedure can take anywhere from 1-3 hours depending on how difficult the aneurysm is and the nature of the arteries.

Post Procedure

Immediately following the procedure, there is usually mild pain at the access site. You are usually observed closely in the ICU or monitored room after the procedure overnight. Most patients will be discharged home in 2-4 days.

Follow-up Appointment

Your follow-up appointment after the AAA endovascular repair is typically scheduled 2 weeks after the procedure.

*See Next Page for a Map of TGH

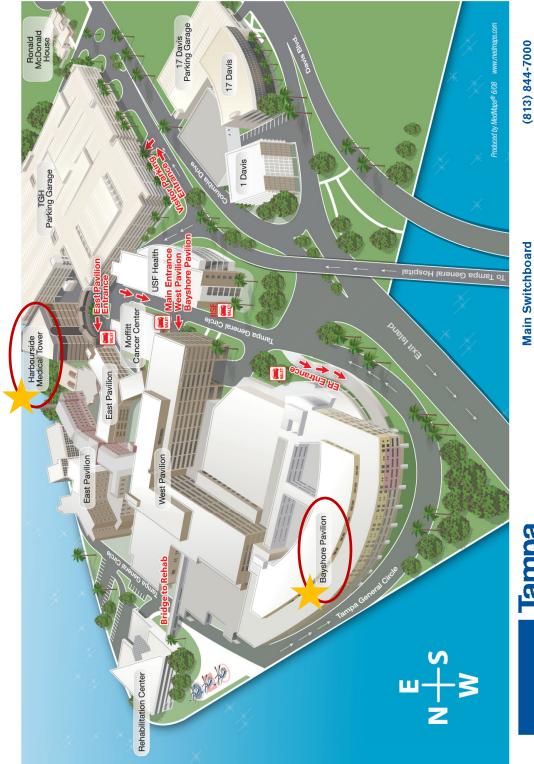
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