

About the Medicine Consult Service

At University of Washington Medical Center

This handout for patients at University of Washington Medical Center explains the services provided by the Medicine Consult Service. It includes a list of what patients should bring to their consult visit, and what to expect during the consult.

What is the Medicine Consult Service?

The doctors on the Medicine Consult Service team at University of Washington Medical Center (UWMC) are specialists in *internal medicine*, a branch of medicine that deals with the health of the internal organs such as the liver, heart, lungs, and stomach. This team of doctors helps prepare patients who are scheduled to have surgery at UWMC.



The Medicine Consult Service is on the 3rd floor of the Surgery Pavilion at University of Washington Medical Center.

Most patients who work with the Medicine Consult Service have been referred by their surgeon for an appointment.

What can I expect at my visit?

- We will do a complete medical evaluation. This includes talking with you about your current and past medical history, and giving you a physical exam.
- We may ask you to bring records from your other health care providers.
- We may also recommend you have other exams to help get you ready for surgery. These may include blood tests, heart studies, or imaging.

How do I get the results?

Your consulting team at the Medicine Consult Service will talk with you, your surgeon, and your primary health care provider about our findings and what we recommend for you. If you are scheduled for surgery, your consulting team will visit you in the hospital after your surgery to provide other recommendations as needed.

Will the Medicine Consult Service be in charge of my care?

After your consult with the Medicine Consult Service:

- Your **surgeon** will still be your primary contact at UWMC. If you have questions about your surgery, please ask your surgery team.
- Your **primary care provider** is still your main contact for evaluating and treating your health concerns.

How do I prepare for my consult?

When you come for your Medicine Consult Service visit, please bring:

- A complete and current list of all medicines you are taking. Include the doses of each, and how often you take them. Please also bring the medicine bottles, if you can.
- The names and phone numbers of your other health care providers (see the form that is attached to this handout).
- Your results from any cardiac tests, such as stress tests, electrocardiograms (ECGs), echocardiograms, or cardiac catheterizations.
- Any other recent test results, such as blood work and lung tests.
- A list of your questions.

Questions?

Your questions are important. Call your doctor or health care provider if you have questions or concerns.

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