

NORAN NEUROLOGY

Neuropsychology Services

What to Expect

During your visit, you will meet privately with a neuropsychologist to discuss your symptoms, review your history and talk about your present situation and concerns. You may be asked to bring someone to your appointment who knows you well and can also discuss your situation. If you have a legal guardian, your guardian should accompany you to the clinic for your appointment. You will then work with the neuropsychologist and a skilled technician on a variety of tasks designed to measure different abilities, such as concentration, learning, memory and language.

You may be asked to answer questions, work on paper- and pencil-tasks, complete tasks on a computer, or do other tasks that are similar to some games or puzzles. Many of these are simple; others are more complex and most people cannot do them perfectly. There is no passing or failing and many people find the tasks fun and interesting.

Neuropsychological Evaluation

A neuropsychological evaluation helps describe how the brain is functioning. Head injuries, strokes, certain neurological conditions and some medical problems, such as heart disease, can affect the brain and cause changes in a person's "thinking abilities." These abilities include concentration, learning and memory, language and problem-solving skills.

The neuropsychologists at Noran Clinic specialize in testing the brain's functional abilities and identifying areas of difficulty. Your doctor will use the information provided to help with diagnosis and treatment planning. Neuropsychological assessment information is particularly helpful if other tests such as brain scans, have not provided clear answers. It can also help to determine if pain, stress or depression are contributing to problems with concentration and memory.

The Neuropsychology Department

The neuropsychologists at Noran Neurology hold a doctoral degree in clinical psychology, with advanced training in clinical neuropsychology. Our psychology technicians hold degrees in psychology and are specially trained to administer neuropsychological tests.

Planning for Your Visit

Your visit with the neuropsychologist may take two to six hours, depending on the amount of testing required. Because testing usually moves quickly, most people do not find it too tiring. Testing can usually be completed in one visit, though a second appointment may be scheduled if testing cannot be completed at the original visit.

Short breaks can be provided as needed, and you may bring drinks or snacks, though there is no scheduled meal break during the evaluation.

Please aim for a good night of sleep prior to your evaluation, and take your medication and eat as you usually would.

About two weeks after testing is completed, a written report will be sent to the referring doctor. You may meet again with the neuropsychologist to discuss test results and any recommendations for treatment.

Financial Responsibility and Insurance

When you check in for your appointment, you will receive our general release of information. This authorization allows us to assist you in filing a claim with your insurance company and work with it for payment for services.

Noran Neurology participates with Blue Cross Blue Shield, Medica, HealthPartners, PreferredOne, Medicare, Medical Assistance, as well as most other insurance plans. Please contact our office at 612.879.1614 for any questions regarding insurance participation.

Copays are collected at the time of appointment.

A cash discount program is available for patients without insurance. We offer a 30-percent discount for services paid in full on the date of the services.

If you have any questions about your financial responsibility or insurance, please contact the patient services office at 612.879.1614.

More Questions?

Please feel free to call our Neuropsychology Care Team at 651.259.9581 if you have questions concerning your evaluation or upcoming appointment.

If you must cancel or reschedule an appointment, we ask that you call our appointment line at 612.879.1500 at least 48 hours before the scheduled appointment to accommodate other patients waiting for evaluation.

Noran Neurology Patient Portal

Our website contains helpful information about our providers, services, locations and the conditions we treat. You can access much of your chart information through our secure patient portal, My Noran Clinic. You can also send a message to your provider, request an appointment, prescription refill or medical records, and make payments.