

Are you interested in an alternative to ER visits for your worst migraine?

- If so, let our staff know. We are obtaining insurance pre-approval for outpatient infusion treatment of severe, intractable headaches.

What is this treatment alternative?

- Treatment of headaches with intravenous medications is generally much more successful than oral medications. This is one reason why ER visits may be helpful.
- However, ER visits tend to be expensive, there may be long waits, and therapies are not necessarily consistent from visit-to-visit.
- Therefore, we have developed an infusion center where patients can be treated with proven intravenous headache protocols without the long wait and expense of the ER.

What will happen if I would like to try infusion center treatment?

- We will obtain an EKG and labs, if needed, to make sure the medications used will be safe for you. This is generally done in advance.
- We will obtain preauthorization from your insurance company to make sure they will pay for the medication infusions.

When do I need infusion treatment?

- Infusion therapy is used for severe migraine that will not go away. It is meant to help avoid costly and uncomfortable ER visits, while providing intravenous (IV) medications that are not available for use at home.

How do I get treatment started?

- Call our clinic during business hours and describe your current condition. If we feel you may benefit, we will place the order and make all necessary preparations.
- If you feel you might need treatment in the future, it is better to go ahead and obtain insurance pre-approval so that there will be no delays when you have a severe headache needing treatment.
- After our clinic has sent the order, our infusion center will call you with the date and time of your appointment. Their number is 405-307-4038.

Where do I go for treatment?

- You will proceed to the Norman Regional Hospital System Porter Campus. You may use the free valet parking available on the Northeast side of the building. When you enter, you will see registration, and you will need to sign in there (first time only). The infusion center is located on the third floor – take the elevators adjacent to the registration area and follow the signs to the infusion center.

What should I expect when I arrive in the infusion center?

- A nurse will assist you to your treatment area – there are many different treatment stations in the room, each with its own reclining chair and television.
- Every effort is made to make you comfortable, though there are other patients and therefore some ambient noise and light is unavoidable.
 - If noise or light is a problem, we will provide you with a mask and/or earplugs for your comfort.

What should I expect after infusion center treatment?

- You will likely be very sleepy after intravenous medication treatment. Therefore, you must be accompanied by a driver, who can take you home afterward.
- Do not plan on resuming normal activities after treatment. You will likely need to sleep the remainder of the day. Most people will feel much better after awakening.