



INSTRUCTIONS REGARDING St. Joseph's Hospital EKG for Methadone Treatment

<i>EKG Referral</i>	A baseline EKG is required before any Methadone treatment regime can be started. At check-out you will receive the referral that you will present to St. Joseph's EKG Dept. If you remain on Methadone, your provider will order a repeat EKG at 30 days and then annually for the length of time you are taking methadone.
<i>St. Joseph's Hospital EKG Dept.</i>	Located at 301 Prospect Ave., Syracuse NY 13213 They accept Workers Compensation.
<i>Parking Garage</i>	6 th Fl. Of the parking garage. Take parking lot bridge to the hospital. At end of bridge take 1 flight of stairs or elevator to 1 st floor Registration (this is the main level). Parking is not free and parking passes will not be stamped.
<i>What do I need to bring?</i>	<u>Your EKG requisition document</u> , identification and your insurance information.
<i>Available Times</i>	Registration opens at 7:00am and closes at 1:45pm Monday through Friday. EKG department is not open on weekends or holidays.
<i>Do they make appointments?</i>	EKG's are by walk-in only. They do not make appointments. It is on a first come first serve basis.
<i>How long will this take??</i>	After registration you will be sent to 2 nd floor EKG Dept. <u>Generally, takes 10-15 minutes once the registration is complete.</u>
<i>When will my Provider get the results?</i>	The turnaround time is approximately 72 <u>business hours</u> once the EKG is performed.
<i>What's the next step?</i>	Provider will review EKG diagnostic report. If normal reading you will receive a call from a Triage Nurse, who will instruct you that the Methadone prescription has been e-prescribed to your pharmacy and you may begin taking the medication as prescribed. The Triage Nurse will also schedule you with a 30 day follow up appointment with your provider. It is important that you keep all your follow up appointments when on methadone. If further workup is required upon review of EKG findings, your provider will call you to discuss what the next steps might be.
<i>What do I need to know if I continue taking Methadone?</i>	A repeat EKG will be ordered by your provider 30 days after you begin taking Methadone, and then annually thereafter. Regular office visits will continue every 30 days. Once you start on Methadone, each EKG results will be reviewed by your provider, we will only call you if there is an abnormality.
<i>Can I get my EKG done at my primary care doctor's office or my cardiologist's office if I want?</i>	Yes, if you choose to go to your family doctor or cardiologist please <u>call them to be sure they will provide the EKG, as well as faxing the tracing and report to us.</u> Be sure you give the EKG requisition document to your MD so they know where to fax the results. Fax results must be sent to: 315-552-6287

DO NOT GO TO WELLOW THEY WILL NOT DO EKGs FOR SCREENING