



### Patient Services Center Frequently Asked Questions

#### **1. What is Interventional Radiology (IR)?**

- Interventional Radiology is a specialty that performs various minimally invasive procedures using imaging.

#### **2. Who performs these procedures?**

- We currently have 3 IR physicians who assist us with these procedures. Dr Kamil Arif, Dr Jacinto Camarena, and Dr Mircea Cristescu (Bios on our website).

#### **3. Where are procedures performed?**

- The Decatur ASC space has been repurposed to use as an IR Office Based Lab (OBL).
- There are plans to use some space in Alpharetta in upcoming months.

#### **4. What procedures are we doing and what are they for?**

- At this time, we are only doing Prostate Artery Embolization (PAE). This procedure is used to treat BPH.
- There are plans to offer additional procedures in the future – more information will be provided at that time.

#### **5. How does an embolization procedure work?**

- Embolization procedures are effective by eliminating or decreasing blood supply to a part of the body.
  - i. For PAE, access to prostate arteries is gained typically using the femoral artery. Then, embolization particles are placed in the arteries that feed the prostate. This blocks blood flow to the prostate causing it to shrink.

#### **6. When will patients see the results of the procedure?**

- For PAE, patients will typically start to notice a change 4-6 weeks after the procedure. Results will continue to improve over time.

#### **7. Why would a patient/provider choose this over other procedures. i.e TURP, Urolift, Prostatectomy?**

- This procedure is minimally invasive with very low risk of sexual side effects. Nothing is inserted via the urethra.

#### **8. Are patients asleep for the procedure?**

- Patients undergoing this procedure do not receive anesthesia. Instead, they receive moderate sedation facilitated by specially trained Registered Nurses and Physician oversight.

#### **9. Who is scheduling these procedures?**

- All IR procedures will be scheduled on-site via the IR Team. You can send telephone encounters to IR, Scheduling

#### **10. What do I do if patients have questions about the procedure, pre-procedural requirements, or post-procedure concerns?**

- You can send a detailed telephone encounter to IR, Inquiry





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#### 1. When will I be scheduled?

- The IR team is currently scheduling appointments and working through an extensive list of patients. You can expect to receive a call within the next 5-7 business days to schedule your appointment.

#### 2. Will my Urologist be performing my procedure?

- An Interventional Radiologist will perform your procedure. Either Dr Kamil Arif, Dr Jacinto Camarena, or Dr Mircea Cristescu will be assigned to your case. You can learn more about our AU Interventional Radiologists on our website: [advancedurology.com/physicians](http://advancedurology.com/physicians)

#### 3. What are the pre-operative instructions?

##### • Medications:

- a) If you are taking any anti-coagulants (blood thinners), please stop them the day prior to the procedure. You may be able to resume on the second day after the procedure.
- b) If you take medications for diabetes, do not take them on the morning of your procedure.
- c) For blood pressure, cardiac, or asthma medications, you may take them with a small sip of water (just enough to swallow the pills).

##### • Fasting:

- a) Do not eat or drink anything after midnight and on the morning of your procedure, until after it is completed

##### • Accompaniment:

- a) You will need a responsible adult to accompany you home after your procedure. This person will also need to come in and sign the discharge paperwork. Please note: without a responsible adult, we will not be able to proceed with your procedure.

##### • What to bring on the day or your procedure:

- a) Insurance card
- b) Photo ID
- c) Form of payment (if a copay is applicable)

#### 4. How long will my procedure take?

##### • Plan to be at the facility for approximately five hours. This includes:

- a) Check-in and pre-op: approximately 1 hour
- b) Procedure: approximately 2 hours
- c) Recovery: approximately 2 hours





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### 5. Will I be prescribed any medications?

· Yes, your Physician will send five medications to your pharmacy. Please ensure you pick up these medications before your procedure and bring them with you.

- a) Cipro 500mg BID #10
- b) Medrol Dose Pack
- c) Docusate 100mg BID #10
- d) Pyridium 200mg TID #15
- e) Ibuprofen 600mg TID #15

Your physician will adjust medications based on your allergies and restrictions.

### 6. Can you provide me with more details about my procedure?

· (Send patient brochure) We have a patient brochure with more information. Please check your email for the brochure.





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### 1. My patient is a candidate for a PAE, how can I get them scheduled?

· To schedule your patient for a PAE, please order a CTA and send a telephone encounter to IR, Scheduling.

### 2. Will my patient need labs?

· Yes, all patients must have the following labs drawn within 30 days of their procedure:

- a) CBC (Complete Blood Count)
- b) BMP (Basic Metabolic Panel)
- c) PT/INR (Prothrombin Time/International Normalized Ratio)
- d) PSA (Prostate-Specific Antigen)

However, due to our current booking schedule, we are booked beyond 30 days. The IR scheduling team will coordinate lab scheduling when your patient is scheduled for their PAE.

### 3. When can I expect my patient to be scheduled?

· Typical scheduling is 2-4 weeks; most major insurances are accepted and will be verified prior to the procedure. Please note that Doctors are limited to certain insurance networks, so availability may depend on your insurance coverage.

### 4. Will my patient need post-operative medications?

· Yes, the IR scheduling team will send you a telephone encounter one week prior to your patient's procedure to prescribe the following medications:

- a) Cipro 500mg BID #10
- b) Medrol Dose Pack
- c) Docusate 100mg BID #10
- d) Pyridium 200mg TID #15
- e) Ibuprofen 600mg TID #15

Please adjust medications based on your patient's allergies and restrictions.

### 5. Can I schedule my patient for an IR procedure other than a PAE?

· Not at this time. We will notify you when we expand our procedure options.





## Resources

### Chirag Dave, MD

#### About Me

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