



Frequently asked Questions (Clinic) FAQs

Do I need a referral to see ENT?

Yes, your Family Doctor should refer you before we can schedule an appointment

I do not have a Family Doctor; Can I still book an appointment?

No, you must obtain a referral to see a specialist. You can get a referral from either a GP or from Walk-in Clinic, Nurse Practitioner, or another Specialist.

I do not have MSP coverage; can I book an appointment directly without referral?

Yes, you can book an appointment directly with us if you do not have MSP coverage. Kindly call our office regarding fees.

I am already a patient; do I still need referral?

If your referral still valid, we can book you an appointment without a referral.

How long is my referral valid until?

It is valid for 6 months from the date you were referred to our office.

I have MSP coverage; can I book directly without a referral if I pay privately?

No, MSP requires referral if you have MSP coverage. If you are visiting from abroad without MSP coverage or do not claim

How long is waiting time to see Dr. Abdalkhani?

Our waiting time is between 2-6 months. If your referral is urgent, we book your appointment ASAP.

Do you have a cancellation list?

No, unfortunately we do not have cancellation list. The appointment slots that become available are usually replaced with Urgent Referrals from other GPs that can occur daily.

How much notice do you need to change or cancel an appointment?

We require 2 business days to change or cancel your appointment.

We charge \$ 50 for Late Cancellation/ No Show Fee if the change or cancellation is less than 2 days prior to the appointment.

FAQs for Surgery

Does MSP cover surgery?

Yes, MSP covers surgery

What are the steps if I would like to have surgery done?

First, you will have consultation with Dr. Abdalkhani at the office if you are suitable candidate for surgery. Then, you will be placed on our waiting list. We will call you to bring you at the office to do surgery paperwork when surgery date becomes available and Dr. Abdalkhani will discuss the procedure and ask you to sign a consent form. If a surgery date has been assigned to you, you will be called 1-3 days prior to your surgery to let you know the exact time of the surgery for that day. Surgeries are done mainly at Mount Saint Joseph and occasionally at St. Paul's Hospital. After your surgery, you will come back to the office for follow up.

Which Hospital does surgery takes place?

Mount Saint Joseph Hospital 3080 Prince Edward St Vancouver, BC V5T 3N4.

Daycare Surgery located besides the Entrance of Emergency Department.

How long does it take to recover from the surgery?

It usually takes about 6 weeks to recover from surgery but returning to work and functionality depends on the type of surgery you have. Dr. Abdalkhani covers the specifics when go over the surgery consent form in the office.

How do I prepare for the surgery?

Nothing to eat after midnight the night before and surgery, and only sips of water with your regular medications the morning of surgery. Arrive at the hospital 2 hours prior to your surgery time