

# Gainesville Internal Medicine Physicians

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## PREVENTIVE CARE VISITS

A preventive medicine service includes: a comprehensive history and a thorough physical examination. It is a time to evaluate each patient for areas of reduction of risks to their health and to provide guidance. It is a time to order appropriate immunizations, screening tests and screening laboratory (blood) tests to aid in disease prevention and health maintenance. Insignificant problems may also be managed at a preventive care visit.

There is no significant medical decision making at a preventive care medicine service. It is not a problem-oriented medical service. The examination is multi-system but based on a patient's age, gender and identified risk factors.

In accordance with the Affordable Care Act, most commercial, i.e. non-Medicare, health insurance now provides coverage of preventive care with decreased patient financial responsibility.

If at the time of a preventive care appointment, a patient has specific acute medical problems or if there is a need for management of chronic medical disease states, there will also be an evaluation and management charge. This is a legal agreement between your physician and your health insurance provider.

You will have a co-pay, possible deductible and a potential balance of financial responsibility if evaluation and management of medical problems occurs at the same visit as preventive care. Many health insurance providers have chosen to reduce their payments for that evaluation and management charge by 50% when it is provided during the course of a preventive care visit.

Many physicians have patients come on a different day for evaluation and management of specific medical problems. At G.I.M.P., as a convenience to our patients, you may usually obtain both types of appointments at the same visit.

If you prefer to come for preventive care alone, your visit will be limited to such a service. Please notify your physician if that is the case.

Please be aware that if your appointment is restricted to preventive care alone, that evaluation and management of chronic and acute disease states will often still be necessary at a separate appointment.

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Patient Name Printed

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Signature

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Date of Visit