

PULMONARY FUNCTION LAB

Appointment Information

Your scheduled arrival time at Kaweah Health Surgery Center:

_____ AM _____ PM

Date: _____ / _____ / _____

In the event of a last-minute schedule change, we will contact you by phone. We sincerely hope your visit to the Pulmonary Function Lab will be as pleasant and convenient as possible. Under the direction of your physician, our staff's goal is to provide you with the best possible care.

The information in the brochure will answer questions about your visit. We encourage you to call our department if you have further questions regarding your test. You can reach Pulmonary Function Lab at (559) 624-2303. The hours are from 7 AM - 2:30 PM Monday - Friday.

When you arrive

It is important that you arrive promptly at your scheduled time to avoid delay or cancellation of your appointment.

Please come directly to the reception desk, just inside the entrance to the Kaweah Health Surgery Center, 321 W. Willow St.

Be ready to present to admitting:

- Any forms, documents or envelopes provided to you by your physician
- Insurance identification cards
- Medicare card
- Medi-Cal card
- Deposit, if required

Instructions

For patients coming in for a Pulmonary Function Test/Spirometry, please make sure you do not smoke or take any bronchodilators (Albuterol/Xopenex) at least 4 hours prior to your scheduled time.

Methacholine Challenge Checklist

For patients who are scheduled for a Methacholine (Inhalation) Challenge Test, please make sure you follow all instructions below. If you are unable to make it, please give us at least a 24 hour cancellation notice.

- Do not exercise within 2 hours of test.
- Do not take any bronchodilators within 48 hours.
- Do not take any antihistamines within 48 hours.
- Do not take any steroids, atropine or cromolyn within 48 hours.
- Do not smoke or have caffeine intake within 6 hours. (coffee, chocolates or soft drinks)
- Do not take hydroxyzine (Vistaril or Atarax) within 96 hours.

If you do not follow these instructions your test will be rescheduled.

Health Status

Should you develop a cold, cough, fever or change in your general health, notify your physician and call our office to reschedule your appointment.

Reminder

Be sure to arrive promptly at your scheduled time. If you are unable to make your appointment or may be late please call (559) 624-2303.

Parking Permit

This car belongs to a patient at the Kaweah Health Pulmonary Function Lab. He or she is currently undergoing a test at this time. Please excuse this vehicle from the two-hour parking restriction. Thank you.

Date: _____ / _____ / _____

