

HOSPITAL  
FOR  
**SPECIAL  
SURGERY**



Dear Patient:

Welcome to Hospital for Special Surgery.

It helps your visit go more smoothly if you have organized information about yourself in advance.

Please complete the enclosed questionnaire prior to your appointment. You may email it to [volckerctr@hss.edu](mailto:volckerctr@hss.edu) (preferred), fax it back to us prior to your visit, or hand it to Dr. Levine at the beginning of your appointment. Dr. Levine will review this information with you and may ask for more details about some of the items if needed.

We also request that you contact any physicians you have seen in the past year and have them fax us the results of any recent diagnostic tests, such as labs, radiology, or pathology reports.

In addition, please complete the enclosed form providing us with the names, addresses, telephone and fax numbers of the physicians to whom you would like us to send letters regarding this consultation.

Finally, it is imperative that you call your insurance company to check if tests (labs and imaging studies) can be performed in the Hospital for Special Surgery.

**If you are unable to make this appointment please notify our office 24 hours prior to the scheduled appointment. A fee will be assessed for any cancelled appointments without prior notification.**

Thank you in advance and we look forward to meeting you.

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**Upon Arrival at the Hospital**

Upon entering the Hospital you will face the main elevators. We are located on the 8<sup>th</sup> floor in Room 8W-848. After exiting the elevator on the 8<sup>th</sup> floor, follow signs for “Rheumatology.” Please check in with the receptionist in the Rheumatology waiting room; he/she will then inform us of your arrival.

**Directions from George Washington Bridge (once crossed)**

Take Harlem River Drive South, which eventually turns to FDR Drive; get off at the 71<sup>st</sup> Street exit. Immediately you will see the sign for Hospital for Special Surgery on the left-hand side.

**Directions from Lincoln Tunnel**

Once out of the tunnel, head north and turn right (going east) onto 42<sup>nd</sup> Street. Turn left (going north) onto First Avenue (at the United Nations). Turn right on 70<sup>th</sup> Street and drive to the end of the street; Hospital for Special Surgery will be on your left.

**Directions from Manhattan**

- **Bus**  
From Port Authority or Grand Central Station go outside to 42<sup>nd</sup> Street. Take #42 cross-town bus going east (ask the driver for a transfer) and get off at the last stop (United Nations at First Avenue). Transfer to the m15 bus heading north up First Avenue to 70<sup>th</sup> Street. Turn right (going east) onto 70<sup>th</sup> street and walk two blocks to the end of the street; Hospital for Special Surgery will be on your left.
- **Train/Subway**  
Take any train to Grand Central Station (42<sup>nd</sup> Street); change there for the Lexington Avenue Local (#6) to 68<sup>th</sup> Street. Walk east to York Avenue and north to 70<sup>th</sup> Street. Turn right (going east) onto 70<sup>th</sup> street and walk to the end of the street; Hospital for Special Surgery will be on your left.
- **Taxi**  
You can also take a yellow taxi to the Hospital for Special Surgery.

**Parking**

There are several parking facilities near the Hospital.

**The Belaire Guest Facility**

The Hospital offers a hotel facility for patients traveling from out of state or internationally. Please call 212-606-1989 for more information.