

HIGHLIGHTS & DETAILS

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Membership Advantages:

- ♦ Personalized Wellness Program I focus on prevention and wellness, not just taking care of you when you are ill. My definition of wellness includes fitness, nutrition and emotional well-being. Your membership includes the annual wellness program and is designed to be the cornerstone of your personal wellness plan. This program encompasses physician counseling and advanced wellness screenings to assess the following:
 - Heart Health
 - Diabetes
 - Respiratory Health
 - Sleep Patterns
 - Vision
 - Weight Management
 - o Emotional Well-being
 - o Sexual Health
 - Comprehensive Risk Factor Analysis

All of the above testing can be done in my office and will be included as part of your annual fee. A follow up discussion will also be included. I will review all results with you and make appropriate recommendations and will work with you to create a personal wellness plan. Copies of all findings will be supplied to you on a portable USB device.

The annual fee covers only those items that can be performed in the office as described above. Depending on your particular health situation, additional tests may be recommended, and you or your insurer will be responsible for payment for those tests.

- ♦ Your own personal and pertinent medical information will be made accessible to you. You will be provided with an electronic version of your current medical information and data upon request. This will allow you to have all-important information at your fingertips when you are traveling or whenever you may need it.
- ♦ **Direct phone contact with me, or my assistant, during office hours**. Phone calls will be answered promptly and when needed I will make every effort to speak with you at the time of your call.
- My personal cell phone number will be provided. This will allow easy communication for urgent medical problems that occur outside of my regular office hours.
- ♦ Convenient access to your secure online patient portal which will allow for emailing me for non-urgent health issues or questions and viewing your medical record 24 hours a day.
- ♦ Same-day or next business day appointments will be offered. With the exception of your annual exam, this feature is available even for minor and non-urgent medical problems.

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- ♦ Little or no office waiting time, and typically longer appointments when needed. Since I will be scheduling far fewer appointments during the day, I make an effort to ensure all appointments to begin on schedule. Additionally, annual exam appointments will be scheduled for 60 minutes or more and all other appointments for 30 minutes or more, allowing adequate time to answer all of your questions and address all of your concerns.
- ♦ Care for visiting family and/or friends. Should your family or friends become ill during a visit to Atlanta, although they are not members of my practice, I will gladly and promptly assist them with their medical care at my standard office visit fee.
- ♦ End-of-life counseling visits with patient and family. I will discuss viable options, legal choices, and personal concerns, and will assist you in creating appropriate documentation for your wishes.
- ♦ **Second opinion chart review.** In order to insure a fresh perspective, particularly with patients who have chronic or complex medical issues, when medically indicated your chart will be reviewed by a respected colleague.

Our Staff:

Staff members are an important part of your experience with my office. They not only have the expertise to advocate on your behalf, but also will continue to assist you in navigating through other aspects of the medical community when necessary. As always, my staff will continue to assist in integrating your care, and I will confer with specialists on your behalf as well.

Insurance Information:

Commercial Insurance Patients

I am an "in-network" provider for many plans. For those plans that require a co-pay, I am required to collect it at the time of your visit. Regardless of your plan, I will continue to submit a claim to your insurance for all covered services on your behalf. Office visit charges are not included in your annual fee. However, my office fees have been reduced, which will help compensate for any increased cost you may incur should I not be in your plan's network. Some additional charges for blood work, urinalysis, EKG's, injections, procedures or immunizations may be imposed, but they will be charged at a significantly reduced cost to cover the expense. It is my intention that <u>no</u> insurance-covered medical services are included in your annual fee.

Even if I am not a provider on your insurance plan, I will attempt to refer you to "in-network" physicians for any necessary consultations and to "in-network" facilities for diagnostic tests and hospitalizations if medically indicated. Any services rendered by these physicians or facilities should therefore be covered according to in-network fees.

*Some insurance providers include annual wellness benefits for their enrollees. If you are able to demonstrate wellness examination coverage, you may be eligible for a discount off your annual fee. Please notify my office.

Traditional Medicare Patients

With the exception of the annual fee, everything remains the same with respect to Medicare. We will continue to submit claims to Medicare on your behalf for Medicare-covered services. The annual fee only includes services that are not covered by Medicare and will not be billed to, paid for or reimbursed by Medicare.

*Medicare Patients:

Per Medicare regulation, Medicare now reimburses for a wellness exam. This exam <u>must</u> be billed to Medicare except for any Medicare co-pay, for which the patient will be responsible. It cannot be included in the annual fee. Therefore, please advise us if you qualify when you sign on with the practice, as you will be entitled to a discount from the annual fee in the applicable year.

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Annual Fee:

	\$1,800/YEAR \$3,200/YEAR	Individual age 45 and over Adult Couple age 45 and over
	\$1,400/YEAR \$2,500/YEAR	Individual age 35 to 44 Adult Couple age 35 to 44
	\$900/YEAR \$1600/YEAR	Individual age 34 and under Adult Couple age 34 and under
	NO CHARGE FOR DEPENDENT CHILDREN OF MEMBER AGE 18-24*	
*Annual exam not included for dependant children. Office visits will be filed to insurance and payment will be the member's		
RESPONSIBILITY. ALL AGES ARE AS OF DATE OF ENROLLMENT.		

Instructions:

For those patients who wish to join my practice:

Please complete, sign and return the attached "Patient Agreement Form" in the enclosed self-addressed envelope. Payment of your annual fee may be made by check, Visa, or MasterCard or Discover.

Please make checks payable to: North Fulton Internal Medicine Group, PC.

If you have further questions, please call 770-442-1112. We will be happy to assist you.