

# LAKES INTERNAL MEDICINE

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## **Important information about preventive and laboratory services.**

Unfortunately, Medicare and some commercial insurance companies do not pay for routine preventive services. Payment for these services is then the patient responsibility. If you're unsure whether your insurance pays for routine physical exams, immunizations, or other care, you should contact your insurance representative prior to your visit. Knowing your coverage is your responsibility.

If you are treated for a specific health problem during your examination, including such things as high blood pressure or respiratory infections, these services may be covered by your insurance. Those charges can then be deducted from the fee for the routine examination.

We do feel that preventive health care is very important and hope that these issues will not pose a problem or discourage you from having a regular physical. Routine preventive health care including physicals, mammograms, and blood tests are the very best way to detect illnesses early when there is the most potential for effective treatment.

The laboratory order that you are given in the office may be taken to any commercial lab of your choosing. Our routine is to refer patients to Suite 1150 downstairs, St. John's Hospital Laboratory. It does accept nearly every insurance plan. If your insurance requires a different laboratory, we are happy to give you an order that you can take to your preferred lab. We are not responsible for charges incurred if you go to a lab that is not preferred by your insurance company.

Is our hope this information will be helpful to you and help foster a pleasant experience with us!

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