

Neuromonitoring, Surgical Assistant and Anesthesia Release

Due to the changes made by healthcare insurance companies, we feel it is necessary to inform you about some out-of-network costs you may incur for your upcoming surgery and give you the opportunity to contact these providers prior to your surgery.

Dr. Jatana requires the use of experienced surgical assistants for all his surgeries. Because we want you to receive the best treatment, **our physicians insist** that the surgical assistant have experience in spinal surgery. Therefore, we are limited in our choice of surgical assistants for your surgery. Unfortunately, this may result in your benefits being reduced because we may use an out-of-network provider. In most cases, your out of network benefits will cover the charges. However, we feel it is important that we let you know that you may be responsible for any deductible/co-insurance amounts indicated by your insurance company.

We also want to inform you that all having cervical, thoracic, or lumbar decompression and/or fusion surgery require intra-operative neuromonitoring. This is not an option and must be used to provide the best quality of care and monitor your spinal cord and spinal nerves during surgery. This technology provides feedback to the surgeon regarding the status of your spinal cord and nerves. There are, however, only a few companies in the area that do this. Our understanding is that they do participate with most health insurances. Unfortunately, there are always exceptions and you may incur some unexpected expenses due to this provider being out-of-network.

We also recommend that you contact the anesthesia group designated below and get information about any out-of-pocket expenses you may have from the anesthesiologist.

We want your experience to be a positive one and therefore we feel you should be aware of these issues before your surgery is performed. Please contact these providers directly with any questions you may have about their billing procedures as they are not affiliated with our office and we cannot give any information on their behalf. It is also a good idea for you to contact your insurance company prior to surgery to inquire about your benefits.

Thank you.

Toreen Ovind
Surgery Coordinator
303-697-7463 ext. 120

I have read and fully understand the above information.

Patient name: _____ Patient Signature: _____ Date: _____
(Please Print)

Physician Signature: _____ Date: _____

Surgical assistant: **Ross Gallucci, PA-C** Anesthesia: Hope Engsborg

Neuromonitoring: JGT: Gulf coast billing - (888) 462-9142
Neuromonitoring Associates: 303-756-9764

Surgical assistants: Ross Gallucci, PA-C @ Denver Spine – Lillywyte - 888.462.9142
Scott Comeaux – Southern Way Surgical: 303-908-5965

Anesthesia: Dr Hope Engsborg – Western Skies billing 303-979-1070
Greater Colorado Anesthesia – 303-377-6825