



Thank you for allowing Specialists in General Surgery to be a partner in your health care journey. Our goal is to provide you with a remarkable care experience. We know that scheduling a surgical procedure can be complex. To help you through this process, here are some details for you to consider.

## WHAT TEST RESULTS WILL YOU RECEIVE?

- Imaging Study.** Imaging studies produce pictures of the inside of your body and may include X-rays, CT scans, MRIs, nuclear medicine, ultrasound, mammography or other imaging tests. Our providers will review your imaging report and order any additional tests that will help to determine the most appropriate plan of care for you.
- Laboratory Tests.** These tests help your provider determine a diagnosis or monitor a known condition and may include blood, urine, or stool samples. They may take additional time to process due to the complexity of a test or the need for us to send the samples to a specialized lab. Results will help us determine the most appropriate next steps in your care.
- Pathology or Biopsy Sample.** Tissue samples are sometimes collected during a surgical procedure and viewed under a microscope by a pathologist to provide more detailed information about your condition. After your provider reviews your pathology report, he or she may order additional tests, if needed.

## WHEN WILL YOU RECEIVE RESULTS?

We make every effort to communicate your test results to you quickly. You may see the results through a patient portal at the same time we receive them, but please know they are just one of many factors to be considered. Based on your results, we may need to speak with other specialty providers or consider recommending additional tests or services. We appreciate the time you allow us to consult with other providers to prepare the best options for you to consider. The timeframes below are general estimates of when you can expect to hear from your surgeon or care team member about your test results and next steps.

- Imaging Study and Laboratory Test Results.** Most imaging and lab results are provided within one week. Sometimes, this requires extra time to consult with other specialists, arrange a follow-up appointment, schedule a procedure or coordinate a referral.
- Pathology Results.** The majority of pathology results are available within 1-2 weeks, unless additional specialized testing is required. Your provider may need to consult with other specialists in order to create a plan of care. Someone will call you with your results or to schedule a clinic appointment to discuss your care plan, if needed.

## DO YOU NEED A POST-OP APPOINTMENT?

You may require a post-operative appointment so our providers can discuss your pathology results and examine your surgical site to make sure it is healing properly. For some conditions, additional treatment may be needed, or you may be referred to another specialist.

If you are asked to come in for a post-op appointment, please bring any questions or concerns you may have. If you notice any new symptoms, or do not receive your results during your post-op appointment, please call us at **763-780-6699**.

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