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Parking & Directions

Valet parking is available Monday through Friday, 6 a.m. to 5 p.m., at the main entrances of the Gateway Building, Ambulatory Care Center, Children’s Pavilion and North Hospital. The cost is $5.00 per visit for the service.

VCU Medical Center’s Patient and Visitor Parking Deck, located near the corner of 12th and Leigh streets, is open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Patient and Visitor Parking will be validated in the Apheresis Unit and rates will be reduced $2.00 per visit.

From Gateway Building Valet to Apheresis Unit
Take visitor elevators to 4th floor. Follow hall to the right into Main Hospital Building. Make right at Apheresis sign, and continue through double doors. Have a seat in waiting area, and nurses will be with you shortly.
Should I eat before I come for my procedure?

- Eat a good breakfast/meal prior to your procedure. Increase your intake of foods rich in calcium such as milk and dairy products.
- The anticoagulant used to prevent your blood from clotting in the machine binds to calcium and may cause tingling of your lips or fingers. You will be given a calcium supplement prior to your pheresis to help prevent these symptoms. If these symptoms occur, they may be alleviated by slowing the procedure or by chewing TUMS.

How is venous access provided?

- Access is provided by central venous catheters placed by physicians prior to your procedure or through one or two needles inserted into your arm veins.
- Please wear short sleeved tops that open in front to provide easy access to central lines or arm veins.
- You may become cold during the procedure due to cooling from IV fluids or room temperature. Warm air heating blankets and blood warmers may be used to provide comfort.

Will any blood samples be sent for evaluation?

- Lab values will be monitored. You may require electrolyte replacement or blood transfusions during your pheresis.

How long will I have to stay once my procedure is completed?

Once the procedure is completed and you are stable, you will be discharged home or returned to your nursing unit. You may feel tired after your procedure due to pre-medication or length of the procedure.