

UCLA Endocrine Surgical Unit

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Welcome to the UCLA Endocrine Surgical Unit. Please see reverse for directions and parking information.

1) **What to do in preparation for your first visit.** A complete set of medical information will facilitate your care and save you considerable amounts of time.

- Complete the Initial Visit Health History Form (included in this mailing) in advance and bring it with you to your appointment.
- Arrange to have **all medical documents** (operation reports, pathology reports, radiology reports, doctor's notes, etc.) pertaining to your current problem that you have had done outside of the UCLA health system faxed to us at the number above. Be advised that current privacy laws require your written consent for personal health information to be transmitted. Please make your document requests well in advance to allow adequate time for us to receive and review them before your first visit.
- Request copies of **all medical images** (x-rays, CAT scans, MRI scans, ultrasound scans, nuclear medicine scans) pertaining to your current problem and have them with you when you come to your appointment.
- If you have had **biopsies** (including fine needle aspiration/FNA) or **prior thyroid cancer surgery** performed outside of the UCLA system, **your tissue specimens must be reviewed by our pathologists at least 5 working days before your visit**. To arrange this, have your specimens sent to: Dr. Sharon Hirschowitz c/o Ling Wang, UCLA Dept of Pathology A3-231L, 10833 Le Conte Ave, Los Angeles CA 90095-1661. Your contact details and insurance information will need to accompany the specimens. If you have questions, please call (310) 825-6007.
- Make a list of questions that you wish to ask the doctor. If you do this in advance, you will be less likely to forget something.

2) **What to expect on your first visit:**

- Your Initial Visit Health History Form will be collected and reviewed.
- Dr. Yeh will then see you. As this is a university teaching center, resident physicians and medical students may participate in your care.
- An ultrasound may be performed during your visit (there is no charge). This is a painless scan that allows examination of deep structures of the neck.
- At the end of your evaluation, further testing and/or surgery may be recommended.
- You will have the opportunity to ask questions.
- If surgery is needed, we will schedule a tentative date for you. Depending on your age and general health condition, you may undergo evaluation by anesthesia, cardiology, and/or other specialists prior to your operation. This is to ensure that your care proceeds in the safest possible manner.
- An exam of your vocal cords (laryngoscopy) may be performed if you are scheduled to undergo thyroid or parathyroid surgery. **Please notify us in advance if you have had prior neck surgery or if you have noted a recent change in your voice.**

3) **What to bring with you:**

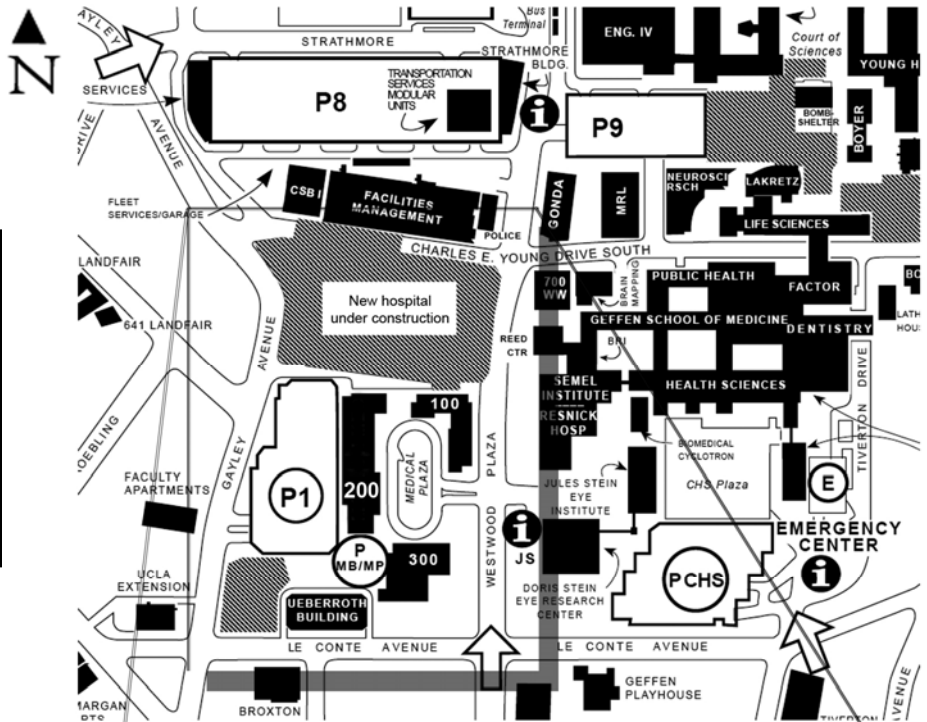
- Your completed forms, medical images, and list of questions (discussed above).
- All contact information for your referring physician(s) and primary care provider.
- List of your current medications (incl. dosage and frequency).
- Your calendar.
- **One** adult family member.

4) If you require a medical translator (other than Spanish), please call (310) 825-7636 well in advance of your appointment to make the appropriate arrangements.

5) Further information can be found on our website: www.endocrinesurgery.ucla.edu (under construction 2006).

Directions to the UCLA campus:

- From the San Diego Freeway (I-405), exit Wilshire Blvd. East.
- Travel East 3 blocks to Westwood Blvd.
- Turn Left on Westwood Blvd.
- Travel North 5 blocks to UCLA medical plaza



Parking:

- Patient parking is available for an \$8 flat fee.
- Information is available at any of the parking kiosks indicated.
- The Medical Plaza parking structure can be entered from both Gayley Ave. and Westwood Blvd.

Our office is located on the 2nd floor of the Peter Morton Medical Building (#200), in the general surgery consultation suite.

