

Adult Neurology

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EVOKED POTENTIALS

These tests are non-invasive procedures.

Your doctor may order any or all of these test to check the signals your brain and spinal cord (parts of your nervous system) receive from other parts of your body. The signals are responses to what you see, hear, or feel during the tests. These tests are also used to check for vision and hearing problems.

Visual Evoked Potential (VER)

You will sit a few feet from a screen. The technologist will attach small metal disks (electrodes) to your scalp. This will be done using water-based gel or paste. Testing each eye separately with a patch over one eye; you will watch a reversal checkerboard pattern on the screen. If you wear contacts or eye glasses, please have them with you. Test time is approx. 1 hour

Brainstem Auditory Evoked Potential (BAER)

The technologist will attach electrodes to your head and behind your ears with water-based gel or paste. Wearing headphones, you will hear clicking sounds or tones to the testing ear (each ear tested separately). Test Time is approx. 1 hour

Somatosensory Evoked Potential (SER)

UPPER: Electrodes will be placed on various parts of your body; such as your head, spine, arms, or legs. The technologist will apply mild electrical current to the nerves in your wrists or ankles. You may feel your muscles twitch. Test Time: 1 hour

LOWER: For the lower SSER, your doctor may prescribe Valium to be taken at time of test. Bring the Valium to the office and the technician will let you know when to take it. You will need to have transportation after testing due to the Valium. Test Time: 1 1/2 hour

TESTING PREP:

1. Clean and dry hair with no hairstyling products.
2. Your skin should be free of excessive oil.
3. Bring or wear any eyeglasses or contact lenses you use.

Appointment Date: _____ **Time:** _____

All testing is done at Neurology Group of Bergen County

DISCLAIMER

OUR OFFICE WILL OBTAIN AUTHORIZATION FOR YOUR TEST; HOWEVER, THIS IS NOT A GUARANTEE OF PAYMENT. IT IS IMPORTANT THAT YOU UNDERSTAND YOUR INSURANCE PLAN'S CURRENT BENEFIT AND COVERAGE RULES. SOME INSURANCE PLANS PAY DIFFERENTLY DEPENDING ON THE PLACE OF SERVICE, FOR EXAMPLE; OUT-PATIENT HOSPITAL VERSUS A DOCTOR'S OFFICE. YOU MAY BE AT RISK FOR A GREATER OUT-OF-POCKET FINIANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY; THEREFORE, YOU SHOULD CALL THE MEMBER SERVICES OR BENEFITS TELEPHONE NUMBER LISTED ON YOUR INSURANCE CARD TO FIND OUT WHAT YOUR FINANCIAL OBLIGATION MAY BE PRIOR TO ANY APPOINTMENT.

A CANCELLATION / NO-SHOW FEE OF \$100.00 WILL BE BILLED TO YOU IF YOU DO NOT GIVE AT LEAST 24 BUSINESS HOURS NOTICE PRIOR TO CANCELLATION OF YOUR APPOINTMENT.