

Annual Wellness Exam

“Office Visits” vs. “Routine Annual Visit”

In an effort to alleviate confusion surrounding billing associated with your annual well woman exam, we are providing this additional information.

Office Visit This is a visit for acute or chronic issues. Such exams may include, but is not limited to:

- Vaginitis or urinary symptoms
- menopausal symptoms
- pelvic pain
- pain during intercourse
- rashes
- decreased libido

Routine Annual Visit This is an office visit for a routine preventative screening and/or counseling and risk factor reduction. Such exams may include:

- Breast exam – depending on age, a mammogram or bone density scan may be ordered
- Pelvic exam – depending on age, a pap smear or a test for the Human Papilloma Virus (HPV) may be performed
- Contraceptive management and STD screening

How does this affect you?

Depending upon your insurance coverage, an office visit could include a co-pay or other out of pocket expenses. This charge will be in addition to the charge for your annual well woman exam.

While your provider is more than happy to discuss any health concerns with you, we feel it is important for you to understand the important difference between annual well woman exams and visits that include discussion or treatment for acute or chronic issues.

Questions?

Should you have any additional questions, please feel free to contact our billing department directly at **202-331-1658**.

Thank you for your understanding as well as the trust you place in our care.