

CENTRAL OHIO EAR, NOSE AND THROAT, INC.

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Your appointment is at the Westerville office _____@_____

General Information

You have been referred for one of the tests described below. Please bring your insurance card and arrive 15 minutes before your appointment time in order to fill out paperwork and process insurance information. You do not need to fast or stop taking medications before coming to your appointment. Each of these procedures takes only several minutes. Most patients tolerate these procedures with slight to no discomfort. A topical anesthetic, however, can be provided upon request. This anesthetic is sprayed into your mouth or nose and wears off within 20-30 minutes and does not impact your ability to drive.

Videolaryngostroboscopy (VLS)

This viewing observation is necessary to evaluate the function of your vocal cords. If the procedure is performed by mouth, the specialist will hold your tongue (this helps to lessen the gag reflex) and gently place a scope in your mouth. Should a Nasendoscopy be performed, a small flexible tube will be passed through your nasal space until a clear view of the vocal folds is obtained. Upon placement of the scope (whether it be through the nose or mouth) you will be asked to produce different sounds and pitches.

Fiberoptic Endoscopic Evaluation of Swallowing

This procedure is provided to evaluate your swallowing function. During this examination a small, flexible tube will be passed through the nasal passage so that a clear view of your throat can be obtained. Upon placement of the scope, you will be given small amounts of food or liquid so that food passage may be observed.