

For Our New Active Duty Air Force Patient

Welcome to our unit and Brooke Army Medical Center (BAMC). We aim to make your stay as easy, informative and painless as possible. In order to do that, we provide the following information.

Dress is appropriate civilian clothing for a workplace. Bring your military ID, CAC and government travel card. If travelling on military orders, bring a copy of your TDY orders and give them to the scheduler when you sign into the Infectious Disease Clinic. If you have any physician visit notes from health care providers outside of the military system, please bring them with you for review.

Do not eat or drink anything but water after midnight on Sunday, the night before your clinic visit. You may take medications with water as necessary. After your blood is drawn and you provide a urine specimen, you can go to the Dining Facility or one of the many Kiosks in BAMC for breakfast.

You will be in San Antonio for one (1) week to complete a series of classes and appointments for your first evaluation. Most of the appointments are at BAMC between 0700 hrs. and 1630 hrs; however there are two visits that are held at Wilford Hall. You will also return to BAMC for a 3 day visit on your follow-up annual visits.

It is highly recommended that you be authorized a rental car for your time in San Antonio as there is no guarantee that you will be billeted on post. Since two of your appointments are held at Wilford Hall Medical Center, which is approximately 23 miles away from Ft. Sam Houston, a rental car is more certain than any shuttle service and much less expensive than using a taxi. If you have a vehicle to get you to the hospital, the exit off I-35 is at #163 and is marked Brooke Army Medical Center.

You will need to arrange your own billeting by calling the Army Hotel System at 1-877-711-8326 and reserving room beginning Sunday night before your first scheduled appointment through Saturday. If traveling from an OCONUS assignment, you should ask for travel orders that would bring you to San Antonio the Saturday before your clinic visit date to allow for readjustment to our time zone. There will be a variety of other individuals attending the unit orientation and group classes and you will find them to be invaluable resources of information and support.

Your first appointment is at BAMC at 0700 hrs Monday morning in the Infectious Disease Clinic. Report to the front desk in the clinic and you will be given direction for your first encounter. Blood will be drawn for laboratory tests and a urine specimen and swabs of your throat and rectum will be taken to evaluate for any sexually transmitted diseases. The Infectious Disease Clinic is located on the third floor of the clinic side of the hospital. When you enter the clinic side, turn right at the Information desk and take the elevator to the third floor. The elevators in the Clinic side only go between the first and the third floors. Exit the elevator and turn left. Walk as far as you can and I.D. Clinic is the last doorway on the right.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the Community Health Nurse in the I.D. Clinic at 210-916-3713. We realize that this may be a stressful time but the staff is here to assist you.