

When you schedule an appointment with a DDI physician, you will also be scheduled for a 20 minute Health Assessment appointment. This is to gather important information from you before seeing the physician. It is important that you arrive for this appointment on time so that gathering this information does not interfere with your physician appointment. The following information provides more detail on what and why we collect during the Health Assessment appointment:

1. Health Status Questionnaire: You will be asked to complete a health status questionnaire using a wireless computer tablet while sitting in the waiting room. The questionnaire will ask how you feel about the quality of your life and quality of your health.

Many of the questions are used by healthcare providers across the country and have been shown to be effective in understanding patients' opinions of their own health.

By completing this questionnaire every time you see your doctor, you will be able to assess the changes in your perception of your own health. It also enables your doctor to see your responses over time to understand if your treatment is working as intended.

While some of the questions may seem irrelevant or intrusive, it is important for you to answer the entire survey so we have a thorough understanding of how all our patients are doing as a result of their treatment plan. Future patients may benefit from understanding if specific treatments work more effectively at improving quality of life.

Cleveland Clinic's mission is to improve the health of all patients and therefore is committed to reporting a variety of statistics that demonstrate improvement in health outcomes. Your responses will help Cleveland Clinic provide a comprehensive view of our efforts.

2. Questionnaire: If you are a new patient scheduled to see a surgeon, you will be asked to complete a questionnaire using a computer workstation in the DDI waiting room. This questionnaire asks about your cardiovascular and respiratory health as well as your history of other health conditions and past surgeries. This information will help your anesthesiologist develop a plan for your surgery ensuring that anesthesia is administered to you in the safest, most comfortable way.
3. Demographic and insurance information: We want to ensure that we have the most up to date information on your address, telephone number, date of birth, emergency contact and health insurance. We may ask you to verify this information.

Thank you for your cooperation and understanding of the numerous questions we ask and the variety of methods used to collect this information. Our goal is to provide you with the most effective care so we thank you for choosing Cleveland Clinic's Digestive Diseases Institute to partner with you in improving your health.