# **Focused Ultrasound** Frequently Asked Questions

# How much does the procedure cost and how can I find out if my insurance will cover the procedure?

After your first consultation, the neurosurgeon will determine if you are a good candidate for Focused Ultrasound treatment. A referral is then made to the hospital. Before your procedure is scheduled a precertification is obtained from your insurance company.



After precertification, you may request our navigator to put you in touch with our business office.

### Is there a waiting list and how soon can a visit be scheduled?

Currently we do not have a waitlist and we may be able to accommodate you for your first consultation within two weeks.



The consultation could be in person for our local patients in Virginia or a virtual telehealth consult for out-of-state patients.

After your initial consultation, a CT scan is ordered and the actual procedure can be done as soon as a month if desired.

In some cases we schedule your CT and MRI consultations all on the same day.

#### Are there any side effects/complications from the procedure?

Side effects are usually minimal but depending on your general health, the neurosurgeon will discuss all this in detail with you during your visit.

### What is the follow-up and do I need to come back to Richmond?



Follow up is in two weeks and again in four months. Follow-ups can be in person or virtual via telephone or video consult.

Call now to speak with our nurse navigator, Denise Laine, at (804) 483-5711 or email her at janet.laine@hcahealthcare.com.