

## Ketamine Center of Greater Hartford

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The following information/instructions are provided to maximize the benefit of Ketamine Infusion Therapy.

- 1. It is important to **not eat for at least 4 hours** prior to ketamine therapy. You may continue to drink clear (see-through) liquids until 2 hours prior to therapy. This is to minimize the risk of nausea/vomiting.
- 2. It is necessary to have a responsible adult available to discharge you from the office and provide your ride home. No therapy will be provided to a patient without a responsible adult.
- 3. It is most beneficial that therapy sessions be uninterrupted. It is recommended that patients visit the bathroom upon arrival to minimize the risk of interrupting the session.
- 4. **Over the ear headphones** are recommended to minimize disturbance during the therapy. The infusion session is meant to be a relaxing period. Meditative/relaxing music has been shown to improve the benefit of the therapy. I recommend that each patient prepare a supply of music of approximately 1 hour for mood patients and 4 hours for pain patients. (Wi-Fi is available in the office. YouTube offers many options for meditative music Search meditative or relaxing music.) It is best to avoid lyrics.
- 5. Consider bringing an **eye mask** or other option to block light. Many patients find the covering of their eyes beneficial.
- 6. Consider bringing a **blanket**. Patients often find that "cocooning" themselves helps maximize the session.
- 7. After the session, it is recommended that patients minimize their activity. Patients should try to remain in a relaxed state and get a good night's sleep.
- 8. Maintaining sessions with your therapist or doctor is recommended. It has been found helpful to schedule an appointment with your therapist the day following a ketamine session.

Hoping to provide maximum benefit,

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