



Testing Requirements in Preparation for General Anesthesia

Please note that general anesthesia is required for all veterinary patients having an MRI or CT. It is the policy of Bush Advanced Veterinary Imaging that all patients must have the appropriate testing completed prior to being anesthetized for the scan. The following are minimum requirements based on the age and physical status of your patient.

Testing Requirements - Patients LESS than Five Years of Age	
CATEGORY	REQUIRED TESTS
I or II ^a	PCV, TP, BUN
III ^b	CBC, General Health Profile, Serum Electrolytes, T4, ECG ^c
IV or V ^d	CBC, General Health Profile, Serum Electrolytes, ECG, Chest Radiographs

Testing Requirements - Patients OVER Five Years of Age	
CATEGORY	REQUIRED TESTS
I or II ^a	PCV, Pre – Anesthetic Profile
III ^b	CBC, General Health Profile, Serum Electrolytes, T4, ECG
IV or V ^d	CBC, General Health Profile, Serum Electrolytes, T4, ECG, Chest Radiographs

^a Testing should be completed within 30 days of the referral

^b Testing should be completed within 7 days of the referral

^c If cardiac disease is present

^d Testing should be completed within 48 hours of the referral

Classification of Physical Status for Patients Undergoing Anesthesia*				
CATEGORY	DESCRIPTION	EXAMPLES		
I	No organic disease			
II	Mild or moderate systemic disease without functional impairment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cardiac disease, compensated (no medication) • Obesity • Orthopedic disease • Geriatric • Pediatric 		
III	Organic disease with definite functional impairment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Anemia, mild • Anorexia • Cardiac disease, compensated (with medication) • Dehydration, mild • Fever, mild • Neurologic symptoms (Seizures, Vestibular syndrome, Ataxia, Paresis) 		
IV	Severe disease that is life - threatening	<table border="0"> <tr> <td> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Anemia, severe • Cardiac disease, noncompensated • Pulmonary disease </td> <td> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sepsis • Shock • Renal disease </td> </tr> </table>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Anemia, severe • Cardiac disease, noncompensated • Pulmonary disease 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sepsis • Shock • Renal disease
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*Adapted from the American Society of Anesthesiologists