

Overnight Observation Services Cost and Criteria

Criteria (Please read carefully):

1. Applies to **stable** patients requiring overnight medical observation (CRF cats on IV fluids, blocked cats requiring urinary catheter care and fluids, post-op patients requiring fluids and pain medications, diabetics requiring blood glucose checks, animals on seizure watch). Not for critical patients requiring specialist consultation and advanced diagnostics.
2. The Overnight Observation Services form must be filled out completely to receive discount.
3. The referring veterinarian must provide overnight contact information.
4. The VSH veterinarian will examine the patient but will not talk to the owner.
5. The owner will receive a maximum of 2 technician updates via phone.
6. The owner will not be allowed to visit the patient.
7. Hospitalization at VSH will be less than 14 hours (6:00pm–8:00am)
8. The owner must pick up the patient in the morning, by 8:00am.
9. If the patient is initially assessed as being unstable, the VSH veterinarian will contact the referring veterinarian and regular costs and procedures will apply.
10. If the patient becomes unstable overnight, the VSH veterinarian will contact the referring veterinarian, if requested, by phone and discuss if the patient should be transferred to standard VSH care. If the referring veterinarian does not want to be contacted or is contacted and elects to transfer, the VSH veterinarian will contact the owner and regular costs will apply retroactively.
11. A specialist will not be involved in the patient's care unless the decision is made to transfer the pet.

Cost to Owner:

Please send only appropriately labeled oral medications. IV fluids and IV medications will be provided at a substantial discount (see below).

Initial Patient Assessment (VSH DVM will not talk to the owner)	Free
Replacement IV Catheter if needed overnight	Free
Sampling Central IV Catheter if requested	\$52
Observation I All IV fluids, additives, and oral medications	\$127
Observation II All IV fluids, additives, oral medications, and 1-2 injections	\$186
Observation III Multiple IV fluids, additives, oral medications, and 3-5 injections	\$254
Isolation Fee (additional)	\$43
Critical Care Panel (NOVA) Panel includes: Acid/Base, electrolytes, BUN, creat, PCV/TS	\$61 per time
PCV/TS	\$24 per time
Blood Glucose	\$15 per time
Urine Collection Overnight	\$18 per shift
Blood Pressure Check	\$26 per time

Please fax a copy to (858) 875-7525 AND send a copy with the owner.

If you have questions, please contact Veterinary Specialty Hospital at (858) 875-7500.