

Peripheral Nerve Evaluation (PNE)

For treatment of fecal incontinence



Neurostimulation is an approach to bowel continence problems that focuses on improving the communication that your lower body has with your brain and nervous system.

Our doctors can offer a treatment called **Peripheral Nerve Evaluation**, or PNE. This is a simple, in-office procedure done with the help of local anesthesia. It requires no preparation and can be done in the order of minutes.

During this evaluation, a provider will use a small needle to numb the skin on your back and insert a very thin caliber lead into the tissue under the skin. This lead is then left in place for about one week along with an external stimulator that the patient wears on a belt. During this week, we monitor your symptoms and compare them to the symptoms you had prior to the stimulation.

If the test is successful, which it is in about **70-80% of the appropriately selected patients**, we can discuss having a more permanent treatment that can deliver a similar level of stimulation.

If you would like to learn more, please call us at (978) 459-6737 and ask to schedule a consultation for Neurostimulation.



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