



VTA-OCB Ophthalmology transportation pilot



Organized by: Healthy Aging Martha's Vineyard Older Adult Transportation Coalition, Vineyard Transit Authority and Dr. Hu

Eligibility: residents of Martha's Vineyard who are patients of Dr. Hu or other medical providers operating out of the same offices - 282 Route 130 & Cotuit Road, Sandwich, MA 02563 - on the days when the Medivan is offered; older adults (60+) are given preference for seats.

Dates offered (all Tuesdays):

January 10th

February 7th

March 7th

****additional dates may be added in December or January****

Departure: Vineyard Haven Steamship Terminal, no later than 6:30 am to then board the 7 am ferry. Arrival at Sandwich OCB around 8:30 am.

The VTA offers a free Park N Ride shuttle from the VH Steamship Terminal to the Park N Ride parking lot on High Point Lane. The OCB van will also make a stop at the Park N Ride lot at 6:10 am, while the Park N Ride shuttle leaves the parking lot at 5:45 am.

Return: 3:15 pm at Vineyard Haven Steamship Terminal (boat departs Woods Hole at 2:30 pm)

Cost: \$20 Roundtrip. \$10 One-Way (includes ferry ticket) – remaining costs are subsidized by the Vineyard Transit Authority. One escort/PCA can accompany the customer at no additional charge.

More Details

Dr. Hu's office and other participating providers will alert MV patients who call the office that this service is available and will schedule their appointments accordingly.

No more than 4-5 patients will be transported on a single day to ensure patient arrival times and admission is practical. Patients should be made aware they could be in the office for anywhere between 2-4 hours as there will likely be staggered admissions, along with surgery start times. Each patient is permitted to bring a companion support/escort though companions should be made aware there may be times when they will need to wait in the van depending on the amount of space in the waiting room.

Surgeries and Evaluations are typically the types of appointments this service is best suited for.

After making the appointment with Dr. Hu's office, a reservation must also be made on the VTA OCB van. To make a reservation on the VTA OCB van, call 508-693-9440 and select Option 1 no later than 12 noon the Thursday before the appointment. Customers must [register with the VTA](#) prior to making a van reservation. VTA will reconfirm all appointments and van reservations the Friday prior to the scheduled trips.