

10 tips for a successful locums assignment.

Do you want to make your first locums assignment a success? Dr. Noel Lumpkin, anesthesiologist, shares the 10 things she does to start every assignment off on the right foot.

TIP 1



Check out the organization's website to learn about the site, your future colleagues, and more.

TIP 2



Carry copies of all necessary documents and licenses on a flash drive in case you need them.

TIP 3



Write down contact information for your supervisor in case you're delayed on your first day.

TIP 4



Drive to the site before your first shift and figure out what you'll do for parking. Do you need a parking sticker or tag?

TIP 5



Carry a notebook to write down bits of information you want to remember during orientation.

TIP 6



Take photos of people you meet and save them so you can keep track of who's who.

TIP 7



Bring a small pouch or bag to store any badges, locker keys, or papers you're given.

TIP 8



Figure out who is responsible for signing off on your time sheet and find out where to send it. Always keep a copy for yourself, too.

TIP 9



For an easy dinner, buy a rotisserie chicken and some frozen vegetables. Microwave it all and you have a healthy meal. Don't forget to bring a plate, set of utensils, and a mug!

TIP 10



Find out what there is to do in the area by talking to colleagues, hotel personnel, and your patients. The public library is also a good source to learn about local events.

Want to learn more about how to be successful at working locums? Check out Dr. Lumpkin's book [Road Warrior Physician](#) or learn more about locums on the [CompHealth blog](#).