



Gastroenterology

Specialty Medicine with Commitment, Care and Compassion

**UPPER ENDOSCOPY (EGD, EUS, ERCP) INSTRUCTIONS: Please read these instructions at least a week before your procedure!**

**YOU MUST HAVE SOMEONE DRIVE YOU HOME. YOU WILL BE SEDATED FOR YOUR PROCEDURE. YOU SHOULD NOT DRIVE AGAIN UNTIL THE MORNING AFTER YOUR PROCEDURE.**

You may use an approved medical transport service, but you may not take a taxi, bus MAX, or any type of public transportation unless accompanied by an adult. ***Drivers or adult companions must be present at the time of check in and must remain on site until discharge, or your procedure will be rescheduled.*** Please contact the office directly if you have any questions or need a list of approved transport services

**Please call our office prior to your procedure if you have had a change in your health, serious illness, or have been hospitalized since your last visit.**

**On the day of your procedure, do not have anything by mouth 4 hours prior to your procedure. This includes water, mints, gum, hard candies and tobacco.**

**PREPARATION:**

- **It is important to continue to take all your regularly scheduled prescribed medications up until 4 hours before your procedure, ESPECIALLY ANTI-SEIZURE, PAIN, and BLOOD PRESSURE or HEART MEDICATIONS, unless your doctor told you otherwise.**
- If your medications are due during the last 4 hours before your procedure, you may need to take them earlier than scheduled. Check with the person who prescribed them.
- **If you are diabetic, please refer to the separate instruction sheet for details regarding diabetes medication adjustment and additional preparation instructions.**

**Beginning 5 days prior to your procedure:**

**1. IF YOU TAKE COUMADIN (warfarin), PLAVIX, OR ANY OTHER BLOOD THINNING MEDICATIONS**

- a. Please refer to the handout BLOOD THINNING AGENTS for further instructions. Please make sure you understand if you are supposed to stop taking your blood thinner or not. If you have any questions, call our office or your prescribing physician.

**Beginning 1 day prior to your procedure:**

**1. At 8:00 pm, START CLEAR LIQUID DIET (Refer to CLEAR LIQUID DIET Handout for directions and examples)**

- a. **No solid foods of any kind after 8:00PM. Drink only clear liquids from now until 4 hours before your procedure.**
- b. It is very important to stay hydrated, so drink plenty of water or other clear liquid.
- c. To keep from getting too hungry be sure to include some of the high protein options, and you need calories, so having some options that are not sugar-free are important, even for diabetics.
- d. **NO RED or PURPLE liquids!** (Could make your GI tract look 'inflamed'.)
- e. **ABSOLUTELY NO ALCOHOL!**

**Beginning the day of your procedure:**

**1. CONTINUE CLEAR LIQUID DIET**

- a. Start when you wake up. No solid foods of any kind before your procedure. Continue clear liquid diet as above until 4 hours before your scheduled appointment.
- b. Be sure you have taken all of your regularly scheduled prescribed medications that are due during the next 4-6 hours.

**2. 4 HOURS PRIOR to your procedure:**

- a. **Stop drinking ALL liquids and have NOTHING MORE BY MOUTH until after your procedure.** This includes stopping plain water, chewing gum, mints, hard candies, tobacco, etc.
- b. Having fluids in your stomach, even a lot of saliva, puts you at risk for vomiting and possibly inhaling fluid into your lungs while you are sedated.
- c. The only exception: If you have a **critical medication** that cannot be taken 4-6 hours early, it can be taken up to **2 hours before the procedure, BUT ONLY WITH A SIP OF WATER (no more than 2-3 TABLESPOONS).**
- d. FOR YOUR SAFETY...Failure to follow this will result in your procedure being cancelled and rescheduled. NO EXCEPTIONS.
- e. **REMEMBER:** You need to arrive earlier than your scheduled procedure time to complete the check in process. Contact the clinic if you are unsure of the arrival time.

**ADDITIONAL INSTRUCTIONS:**

- Female Patients: **IF YOU ARE PREGNANT OR ARE UNSURE IF YOU ARE PREGNANT: YOUR PROCEDURE MAY BE CANCELLED WHEN YOU ARRIVE.** We strongly recommend you take a pregnancy test if you are unsure. Please call us before the procedure date to discuss if you are, or could be, pregnant.
- If you use an inhaler for asthma or COPD, please bring this with you to your procedure.
- Bring your insurance card and a photo ID to your procedure.
- Do not bring valuables to your procedure.
- Friends and family may not watch your procedure.
- For the safety of our patients and staff, we ask that you leave any weapons at home.
- There is a \$100 charge for missed appointments that are not cancelled or rescheduled 3 business days in advance.

**FOR PATIENTS' PRIVACY CELL PHONES AND OTHER ELECTRONIC DEVICES MUST BE POWERED OFF AND STORED AWAY WHILE IN THE PROCEDURE AREA. PHOTOGRAPHS AND RECORDINGS ARE PROHIBITED.**