

Preparation for EGD with Capsule Deployment

YOU WILL BE SEDATED FOR YOUR PROCEDURE, SO YOU MUST HAVE SOMEONE DRIVE YOU HOME. 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.

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.

One Week Before Your Procedure:

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

- 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.

Do not take the following:

- Oil Supplements: Fish oil, Flaxseed oil, or Castor oil
- Iron supplements

Purchase the following over the counter items at any pharmacy:

- **One (1) bottle of MiraLAX Powder.**

A bottle contains 8.3 ounces or 238 grams. You will use approximately 85 grams.

- **One package of either Gas-X Regular Strength or Gas-X Extra Strength Chewable tablets.** Please avoid any flavors that contain red dye, like cherry and avoid gel capsules.
 - **Gas-X Regular Strength:** Each chewable tablet will contain 80mg of simethicone. You will need five (5) tablets.
 - **Gas-X Extra Strength:** Each chewable tablet will contain 125mg of simethicone. You will need three (3) tablets.

DAY BEFORE YOUR PROCEDURE:

Please avoid the following:

- Milk Products
- Alcohol
- Chewing gum
- Red & Red Dyed Substances

Have a light dinner, finishing it by 6pm. After 6pm, start a clear liquid diet.

- No solid foods of any kind after 6:00PM. Be sure to include high protein options and drink frequently to keep from getting too hungry.
- Examples: Water, popsicles, Italian ice, flavored gelatin/Jell-O, broth/bouillon or consommé, clear/strained juices, black coffee, tea, soda, pop, seltzer, sports drinks (Gatorade, Powerade, Propel), Crystal Light.
 - High Protein Options: Ensure Active Clear, Clear Boost Breeze, Isopure Plus.
- Avoid anything that is colored RED, ORANGE, or PURPLE. Look for CLEAR, YELLOW, BLUE, OR GREEN flavors (examples: lemon, lime, apple, white grape, peach, banana, blue raspberry).

DAY OF PROCEDURE:

1:30am:

- Mix five (5) capfuls of MiraLAX Powder in **32 ounces** of water and drink. Please complete drinking this solution by **2:30am**.
- **You may or may not have bowel movements as a result.**
- **You may continue to have clear liquids.**
- **Clothing:** Please wear a two-piece, loose fitting outfit. Wear a light-weight shirt under any heavier clothing. We will be placing a sensor belt around your abdomen/waist and it will be placed over a light-weight shirt/top.

4 Hours prior to your arrival time please have nothing more to drink.

2 Hours prior to your arrival time, do not take any medications.

30 minutes prior to your arrival time, take your Gas-X Chewable Tablets.

Gas-X Regular Strength: Five (5) tablets

– **OR** –

Gas-X Extra Strength: Three (3) tablets.

A Nurse will go over the instructions you will need to follow during your 8-hour Capsule Endoscopy test and you will be asked to sign a consent form.

A Sensor Belt will be put around your abdomen/waist. You may wish to wear a layer to hide the belt, such as a jacket or a sweater.

Instructions on dietary restrictions during the day of your exam will be provided by your nurse.

You will be asked to ingest the PillCam with some water, just like you would take any pill.

You will be asked to keep a written event diary during the day of your exam and return with it to the office at the completion of your exam.

Same day return appointment time will be set with you after you ingest the PillCam. It will be at the same location and will take approximately 10 minutes. Your event diary will be collected, and the Sensor Belt will be removed by the nurse.

***** DUE TO EARLIER SEDATION PLEASE BE SURE TO HAVE A DRIVER BRING YOU TO YOUR RETURN APPOINTMENT *****

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.
- You may be charged a fee for missed appointments that are not cancelled or rescheduled 3 business days prior to your procedure time. The fees are as follows:
Hospital or Office Procedures \$100
Ambulatory Surgery Center \$200

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.

**If you have any questions regarding this procedure or preparation,
please call: 503.692.3750**