

Division of Gastroenterology and Hepatology

**ENDOSCOPY INSTRUCTIONS**

Date:	Time:
Location:	Dr.
Plan to be here for 3 hours	

**Thank you for choosing The University of Rochester Medical Center for your endoscopic procedure. In an effort to provide you with the best possible exam, we will need your assistance with the following instructions**

**If you believe you may be pregnant or need to cancel your appointment for any reason, please call our office at least 48 hours prior to your scheduled appointment at (585) 275-4711.**

If you take any of the following medications, you must be seen in the office at least two weeks BEFORE your procedure, in order to receive careful instructions on how to manage your medications.

**Coumadin** (warfarin)  
**Ticlid** (ticlopidine)  
**Heparin**  
**Effient** (prasugrel)

**Plavix** (clopidogrel)  
**Lovenox** (enoxaparin)  
**Aggrenox** (aspirin and dipyridamole)

Additionally, if you have any of the conditions listed immediately below, then you must be seen in the office at least two weeks BEFORE your procedure, in order to receive careful evaluation and instructions.

- If you take any drug for the purpose of being anti-coagulated, keeping your blood thin, or preventing blood clots;
- If you are being treated or have been treated for stroke or transient ischemic attacks (TIAs), or mini-strokes;
- If you have artificial heart valves, or coronary artery or carotid artery stents

If you take any medications for **diabetes**, by injection or oral tablets, then you must be seen in the office at least two weeks BEFORE your procedure, in order to receive careful instructions on how to manage these medications. Examples of medication - Glucophage, Metformin, , glipizide, actos, Lantus, Humulin, or any other insulin.

Please note that aspirin is not longer routinely discontinued prior to our procedures, unless you receive specific instructions to do so.

Unless otherwise instructed, continue to **take all of your usual medications** on your regular schedule. If you have an early morning procedure, please bring your medications with you to take after the procedure.

If you need an office appointment, or if you need to review your instructions, please call 585-275-4711 as soon as possible.

## ON THE DAY OF YOUR PROCEDURE:

Unless directed otherwise, you may have a clear liquid diet (only clear liquids, no solid food) up to 4 hours before you are scheduled to arrive for your procedure.

### YOU MAY HAVE (examples):

Clear soda (ginger ale, Sprite)  
Clear juice (apple, white cranberry)  
Gatorade/Powerade (clear or yellow)  
Chicken broth (nothing in it)  
Black Coffee/Tea (no cream)  
Jell-O (yellow, orange, green)  
Popsicles (not red or purple)

### Do NOT have (examples):

Red or purple Jell-O  
Beef broth  
Alcohol  
Milk or milk products  
Yogurt or pudding  
Fudgesicles  
Cream soups.

- **Please arrive on time.** Allow extra time in your trip for weather, traffic and parking. *Parking is validated for the hospital's garage at the time of your discharge.*
- Please bring a **list of all the medications** you take, including dosages and how often each medication is taken. Also list any herbal or vitamin supplements you take. When you check in you will be asked if you have brought that list, if you have not, we will ask you to create the medication list at that time. Having an up to date list of all your medications helps us provide safe patient care.
- **Personal belongings:** On the day of your sedated procedure, we strongly recommend that you leave valuables (money/jewelry) at home or give them to a family member or friend for safekeeping. However, a small secure storage area is available on the unit for storage of your valuables if necessary. Please alert the nurse in the admitting area if you need to use the secure storage area.
- While endoscopy is a generally safe procedure, there is a small chance of developing complications that may not be identified up to a week or later after your procedure. We suggest that you do not plan this procedure within a couple of weeks prior to traveling, or an important social event.

## AFTER YOUR PROCEDURE:

- A **responsible person must pick you up** after your procedure to accompany you home, as you will have been sedated and will not be allowed to drive home.
- **REMEMBER: You may not drive, work, or engage in important decisions (e.g. financial issues) for the rest of the day after your procedure.**
- Your specific discharge instructions will be reviewed with you after your procedure.
- A copy of the report and results will automatically be sent to your Primary Care Physician and the referring physician.

If you have questions about these instructions, you may call us at (585) 275-4711 between 8:30-4P Monday through Friday and we will be glad to answer them for you.

The University of Rochester Medical Center has joined hundreds of health care institutions around the nation that have become Smoke-Free throughout their campuses. We respectfully request that our patients and visitors refrain from smoking while at the University of Rochester Medical Center.