

Carolina Digestive Health Associates

Procedure Information

You are scheduled for an EGD. Please read all of the attached information as soon as possible so you are prepared for your upcoming procedure.

PHYSICIAN PERFORMING PROCEDURE: _____

DATE: _____

LOCATION: _____

PROCEDURE TIME: _____

CHECK-IN TIME: _____

Please closely follow the instructions below in prepping for your procedure. It is very important that you follow them carefully, or we will be unable to perform the procedure and it will be cancelled.

This packet includes:

1. Medication Instructions
2. Instructions for diabetic patients
3. Instructions for the day of your procedure
4. EGD information

This information should answer most of the questions you may have about your procedure. If you still need additional assistance, please contact our office as soon as possible.

As a reminder, if you cancel your procedure less than 3 business days before your scheduled appointment, you may be charged a \$100 no show fee.

You must have a responsible driver with you at all times when you are at the endoscopy center/hospital. You should expect to be at the endoscopy center/hospital between 2 ½ and 3 hours.

Medication Instructions

5 DAYS BEFORE PROCEDURE:

- Discontinue taking medicines that may thin your blood, such as: **COUMADIN, PLAVIX, TICLID, Heparin, Aspirin, Excedrin**, Percodan, Alka Seltzer, Empirin, Ecotrin, Bufferin, Ascriptin, Ibuprofen, Motrin, Advil, Medipren, Nuprin, Naproxen (Naprosyn), Aleve, sulindac, Clinoril, Piroxicam, Feldene, Indomethacin, Indocin, Diclofenac and Voltaren unless otherwise directed by your physician. If any of these are a medical necessity for you, please inform us NOW.
- Please stop taking Fish Oil.
- **IF YOUR DOCTOR HAS PRESCRIBED ASPIRIN:**
Please decrease your aspirin to 81 mg a day. You will be informed after your procedure when you will be able to resume your regular dose.
- **IF YOU TAKE ASPIRIN AND IT IS NOT PRESCRIBED BY YOUR DOCTOR:**
Please discontinue your aspirin 5 days prior to your procedure. You may take Tylenol or other brands that contain acetaminophen
- **Tylenol & other brands that contain acetaminophen are safe to use prior to this procedure.**
- ***** If you do not see your medication or supplement listed here, you may take it. *****

DAY OF THE PROCEDURE

- **If you take Blood Pressure, Heart Medications or Seizure Medications** take your medicines as soon as you get up with a sip of water.

GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS FOR DIABETIC PATIENTS

- Check your blood glucose during the preparation period, especially if you feel it is running too low.
- Your blood glucose levels may run higher than usual during this period due to adjustments in your diabetes medication. If blood glucose becomes extremely high (greater than 350), call our office, your PCP or your diabetes doctor.
- For low blood glucose levels, sweetened clear liquids (such as apple juice with sugar added) is always permitted regardless of whether you were instructed to take nothing by mouth (NPO) prior to the procedure. Inform the endoscopy nurse upon arrival if this was necessary.
- Resume your usual diabetic diet and medications immediately after your procedure(s) unless you are instructed to do otherwise. If your diet remains restricted following the procedure, ask for instructions regarding diabetic medication adjustment.

Diabetic Instructions

If you are diabetic and having an EGD only, follow these instructions:

ORAL DIABETES MEDICATIONS - If you take oral diabetic medications, hold these medications the morning of your EGD. Restart these medications after the procedure when you resume eating.

INSULIN – If you take insulin of any type, follow these guidelines:

Lantus or Levmir - Take your usual dose unless your blood glucose is tightly controlled (glucose levels are usually in the normal range or are occasionally low). In that case, reduce the dosage by one fourth on the day before your EGD. Resume your usual dose after the procedure.

70/30 or 75/25 insulin - On the morning of the procedure, take half of your usual dose or, if you have a procedure before 11:00am, bring your insulin with you to take before your next meal. Resume your usual dose after the procedure.

Meal-related insulin – On the morning of the procedure, take half of your usual dose or, if you have a procedure before 11:00am, bring your insulin with you to take before your next meal. Resume your usual dose after the procedure.

Sliding Scale Insulin – Continue to take this as usual.

Insulin pump – Reduce the dose of your insulin by one fourth the day of the EGD or consult your endocrinologist for recommendations. Resume your usual dose after the procedure.

EGD

Please follow the set of instructions marked below based on your scheduled appointment time:

Morning Appointment Instructions (between 7am-12:40pm)

_____ Your procedure is at _____ time, please follow the instructions below:

After Midnight – NO solid food.

However, you may have clear liquids ONLY up until _____ (4 (four) hours before your scheduled procedure time).

Clear liquid diet guidelines:

- You may have water, clear fruit juices (white grape, apple), soda (Sprite, Ginger Ale, Pepsi, Coke, and diet colas), Jell-O, ice pops, broth, bouillon, coffee, tea, gatorade
- You may not have milk or milk products (this includes non-dairy creamers)

During the **4 (four) hours before** your scheduled procedure time, you may **NOT** have anything to eat or drink including: water, and all other clear liquids, gum, candy, chewing tobacco, snuff or food items.

Afternoon Appointment Instructions (between 12:40pm-5pm)

_____ Your procedure is at _____ time, please follow the instructions below:

After Midnight – NO solid food.

However, you may have clear liquids ONLY up until _____ (4 (four) hours before your scheduled procedure time).

Clear liquid diet guidelines:

- You may have water, clear fruit juices (white grape, apple), soda (Sprite, Ginger Ale, Pepsi, Coke, and diet colas), Jell-O, ice pops, broth, bouillon, coffee, tea, gatorade
- You may not have milk or milk products

For the **4 (four) hours before** your scheduled procedure time, you may **NOT** have anything to eat or drink including: water, and all other clear liquids, gum, candy, chewing tobacco, snuff or food items.

AFTER THE PROCEDURE:

You may return to a normal diet as tolerated, unless otherwise instructed by your physician. If you experience abdominal pain, fever or painful swallowing please contact our office immediately. If it is after hours please go to the emergency room to be evaluated.

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EGD (Esophagogastroduodenoscopy)

Esophagogastroduodenoscopy, also known as an upper endoscopy, enables the physician to look inside the esophagus, stomach, and duodenum (the first part of the small intestine). The procedure might be used to discover and possibly treat the reason for swallowing difficulties, nausea, vomiting, reflux, bleeding, indigestion, abdominal pain, or chest pain.

A thin, flexible, lighted tube called an endoscope will be used for the procedure. Right before the procedure the physician will spray your throat with a numbing agent that may help prevent gagging. You will receive medicine to sedate you during the exam. The endoscope transmits an image inside of the esophagus, stomach, and duodenum so the physician can examine the lining of these organs. The scope also blows air into the stomach; this expands the folds of tissue and makes it easier for the physician to examine the stomach.

The physician can see abnormalities, like ulcers, through the endoscope that doesn't show up well on x-rays. The physician can also insert instruments into the scope to remove samples of tissue (biopsy) for further tests. The physician can also use instruments to stop bleeding.

Your stomach and duodenum must be empty for the procedure to be thorough and safe. Please see the EGD preparation instructions for complete details. You may resume your normal diet after the procedure, unless advised otherwise.

The procedure takes 5-20 minutes; however, you should be prepared to be at the hospital or endoscopy center for 2 to 2 ½ hours. You must have a responsible driver with you at all times while you are at the endoscopy center/hospital. The day after the procedure, you may return to work or your normal activities.

If biopsies were taken during the procedure, we **normally receive the results of the test within 7-10 business days. After a doctor reviews the report, the clinical will call or mail you a letter with the results and his instructions.**