Propofol Administration

ATTENTION

You will automatically be receiving PROPOFOL (deep sedation) for your procedure. It is REQUIRED by the anesthesiologist that someone accompany you to your appointment, stay with you throughout your procedure and take you home.

Advantages of Propofol sedation are:
- Minimal to no awareness of the procedure.
- Post-procedure recovery will be approximately 30 minutes.
- Most will not be nauseated.
- Most will return to eating quickly.
- Most will be able to transfer from car to home easily.
- Rapid transition from post-procedure period to normal daily functioning.

PROPOFOL will be administered by an anesthesiologist from American Anesthesiology 704-377-5772. Their charges will be processed through your insurance along with those from your physician’s office, Carolinas Pathology and Carolinas Gastroenterology Center.

An alternate sedation such as DEMEROL/VERSED OR FENTANYL/VERSED is available upon request. This sedation is typically administered by a nurse assisting the gastroenterologist. PLEASE NOTE THIS SEDATION WILL BE GIVEN ON A CASE BY CASE BASIS.

IMPORTANT BILLING INFORMATION
- Although we will obtain prior authorization for your procedure, we ask that you contact your insurance company to verify exactly what is covered under your policy. This allows you, as a patient, to be aware of any out-of-pocket expenses you may incur.
- **The CPT code for a screening colonoscopy is 45378.** Routine/screening procedures may change to diagnostic procedures if biopsies are taken and/or polyps are removed.
- **The CPT code for an EGD may be 43235, 43239, or 43249.**
- If you are having a diagnostic procedure, you will need to know what your diagnostic benefits are.
- If you are receiving anesthesia (PROPOFOL) ask your insurance if this will be covered. **The billing code is 00810.**
- The doctor’s office and surgical center **must** be notified of any changes in insurance plans as your insurance may require pre-authorization to be a covered benefit. Please be aware, **YOUR FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY MAY BE GREATER THAN YOUR REGULAR CO-PAY AT THE DOCTOR’S OFFICE.**

Please feel free to contact our office with any further questions regarding your procedure.

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