

UPPER ENDOSCOPY INSTRUCTIONS

A. MORE THAN TWO WEEKS BEFORE YOUR PROCEDURE: Inform the office if:

1. You are diabetic.
2. You are allergic to latex.
3. You take blood thinning products (Coumadin, Plavix, Aggrenox, Brilinta, Pradaxa, Pletal, Ticlid, Trental, Effient, Xarelto, Eliquis).
4. You have a prosthetic heart valve, a history of endocarditis, vascular graft, prosthetic joint replacement within the last 12 months. You may need antibiotic coverage for your procedure.
5. Make sure you have a responsible party to take you home after the procedure. We may cancel the procedure if you do not have a responsible party to take you home.

B. ONE WEEK BEFORE YOUR PROCEDURE:

1. Do not take iron, iron-containing compounds, Vitamin E, fish-oil, Advil, Motrin, ibuprofen, Aleve, naprosyn. You may take Tylenol (acetaminophen).
2. If you are taking aspirin 81 mg/day (baby aspirin) you should CONTINUE this unless instructed otherwise.
3. Blood work should be done 7-14 days prior to the procedure. A pregnancy test should be done less than 7 days prior. We may need a urine sample on admission from women of child bearing age.

C. THE DAY OF YOUR PROCEDURE:

1. Do not eat anything. Do not drink anything in the 6 hours before your procedure. No gum or candy. You may brush your teeth. Take your usual morning medications with a sip of water.
2. Wear loose fitting clothes. Do not wear contact lenses, jewelry or make-up. Remove tongue and nose piercings.
3. Bring your inhalers and glasses case with you.
4. Contact your gastroenterologist's office if you have questions or your physical condition changes (cold, fever, illness)
5. Your responsible party will need to sign your discharge papers. You will receive discharge instructions from the nurse. You may resume your normal diet. You may not drive for the rest of the day/night. You may resume normal activities the next day.