

Endoscopy Prep Instructions

Please review these instructions at least one week prior to your procedure. If you have any questions, please contact your doctor's office.

You are scheduled to have an Endoscopy on: _____

Your procedure will be at: _____


The facility will call you 1-2 business days prior to your procedure with your arrival time. If you have not heard from the facility by 3:00 pm the day prior to your procedure, please contact them directly. Times listed in your patient portal are not accurate – the facility will provide you with your arrival time.

Make arrangements to have a designated driver for the day of your procedure. You cannot work or drive the entire day. You are not allowed to drive, take public transportation (i.e., taxi, bus or Uber) or leave the endoscopy center alone. If you do not have a responsible driver to accompany you, your exam cannot be done with sedation and will be cancelled.

Medications:

- **Seven (7) days prior:** stop herbal medicines, fish oil and vitamin E.
 - All Weight Loss Injectables must be stopped for 1 week (7 days) prior. Stop taking your injection medication after consulting with your prescribing physician. Follow your prescribing doctor's instructions for when and what dose following your procedure. These medications include all GLP-1RA class drugs: **Saxenda (liraglutide), Wegovy/Ozempic (Semaglutide), Mounjaro/ Zepbound (tirzepatide)**
- Blood thinning medications such as Plavix (Clopidogrel), Brilinta (Ticagrelor), Effient, Ticlid, Agrylin, Coumadin (Warfarin), Eliquis, Pradaxa and Xarelto will need to be stopped prior to your procedure. Check with your prescribing physician prior to stopping these medications. Over-the-counter pain relievers such as Advil/Motrin (ibuprofen) or Aleve (naproxen) should be held for seven (7) days prior to your procedure. Tylenol (acetaminophen) may be taken as needed. You do not need to stop 81mg aspirin.

Stop _____ On _____
(Name of Medication) (Date to Stop)

- **Diabetic medicines:** If you take a GLP-1RA class drug (injectable): **Saxenda (liraglutide), Wegovy/Ozempic (Semaglutide), Mounjaro/ Zepbound (tirzepatide)** you must stop 1 week (7 days) before the procedure. If your injection for diabetes is taken **daily**, STOP MEDICATION THE DAY BEFORE. If you take your injection **weekly**, STOP 1 WEEK (7 days) before your procedure. Please consult with your Endocrinologist/Prescribing doctor with questions and concerns regarding your medication. Follow your prescribing doctor's instructions for when and what dose following your procedure.
- Do NOT stop taking any heart, blood pressure, anti-seizure, anti-anxiety or thyroid medications. These medications, if normally taken in the morning, should be taken at least two (2) hours prior to your arrival time with no more than four (4) ounces of water.
-  If you take PPIs (Proton-Pump Inhibitors) for reflux such as Aciphex (Rabeprazole), Protonix (Pantoprazole), Nexium (Esomeprazole), Prilosec (Omeprazole) or Dexilant (Dexlansoprazole), please take at least two (2) hours prior to your arrival time with no more than four (4) ounces of water.

The day prior to procedure:

You may have a normal diet all day through dinner. After dinner, you will need to follow a clear liquid diet.

Allowed: Water, hot/iced tea, apple juice, black coffee, white cranberry juice, white grape juice, clear broth or bouillon of any kind (beef, chicken, vegetable), gelatin, water ice, soft drinks (Sprite, Ginger-ale), and sports drinks (Gatorade, Powerade, Propel), and hard candy. Honey, sugar, and sugar substitutes are ok.

Not allowed: Absolutely no solid foods, milk, creamer or any items with red or purple dye.

1. **Four (4) hours prior to your arrival time:** Stop drinking all clear liquids. You will need to be fasting. This means NO liquids, including water. Your stomach must be empty for your procedure. No gum, mints, or smoking during this time.

Reminders:

- If prescribed, please have your bloodwork done as soon as possible.
- If required by your insurance, you must obtain necessary referrals for your procedure and follow up visits from your primary care physician.