

**PATIENT ACCESS, CENTRAL SCHEDULING, SETON 4
736 Cambridge St, Brighton MA 02135-2997**

INSTRUCTIONS FOR ERCP

*******PLEASE READ INSTRUCTIONS COMPLETELY PRIOR TO CALLING THE OFFICE*******

ERCP is a test that allows us to examine the inside of your esophagus, stomach and duodenum, and take pictures and perform therapy on your bile and pancreatic ducts. This is done with the use of a flexible tube passed through your mouth. The procedure typically lasts 1-2 hours. You will be given anesthesia by an anesthesiologist during the procedure.

If you have any of the following medical conditions, please contact the GI office PRIOR to the procedure:

- Diabetes, are taking Insulin, Plavix, Pradaxa, or taking a blood thinning medication such as Coumadin or Warfarin. You should not have Sleep Apnea or any serious medical problems.

1 WEEK PRIOR TO EXAM:

DO NOT TAKE: iron or vitamin e or any vitamins containing iron or vitamin E

ERCP PREPARATION: The only preparation for this exam is an empty stomach.

*******Please do not eat or drink anything after midnight the night before your examination*******

*******Do not eat breakfast or drink liquids on the day of your exam*******

PLEASE BRING READING GLASSES. YOU MAY NEED TO FILL OUT OR SIGN PAPERWORK.

PLEASE LEAVE YOUR VALUABLES AT HOME

You will be given some sedation to relax you during the procedure; therefore, you will not be able to drive yourself home from the procedure. **YOU MUST MAKE ARRANGEMENTS FOR A RESPONSIBLE ADULT TO TAKE YOU HOME FROM THE PROCEDURE, AND BRING YOU INTO YOUR HOME.** The person who is taking you home must meet you at the GI unit on the 5th floor in the Seton building. You may take a cab or public transportation home **ONLY** if you have a responsible adult to ride with you.

*****IF YOU DO NOT HAVE A RIDE HOME YOUR PROCEDURE WILL BE CANCELLED*****

Please report to the GI Unit one hour prior to your scheduled appointment.

If you are not pre-registered, you must report to the Admitting Office at least 1 hour and 15 minutes before your procedure. Admitting is located by the Main Entrance to the hospital on Seton 4.

To **PRE-REGISTER** please call 781-884-0490 Monday –Friday 8:00 AM - 8:00 PM.

To **CANCEL** or **RESCHEDULE** your procedure please call the Scheduling Department at 617-789-3160.