

DIGESTIVE DISEASE ASSOCIATES, LTD
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Date of Examination: _____ Place of Examination: _____

Arrival Time: _____ Time of Examination: _____

Estimated time of return home: _____

YOU NEED A RIDE HOME; CAB OR RIDE SHARE NOT PERMITTED

ENDOSCOPIC EXAMINATION OF THE ESOPHAGUS, STOMACH AND DUODENUM (EGD)

The upper gastrointestinal region, consisting of the esophagus, stomach and upper small intestine (duodenum), can be adequately examined utilizing modern fiber optic instruments which allow direct visualization of the inner lining of these structures. These instruments allow us to photograph any abnormal findings, growths or foreign bodies in these areas and to take any tissue specimens (biopsies) from the lining of these structures.

Medication Restrictions: If you take any anticoagulant medications (Coumadin, Plavix, etc.), you will be given instructions to hold the medication for a specified number of days before the procedure. Any medications that must be taken before the procedure (blood pressure, heart medications) should be taken with a small sip of water at least 4 hours before the procedure.

On the day of your examination, you should arrive with an empty stomach. **This means nothing to eat or drink, including water, after midnight the night before.** At the time of the examination, you will be positioned on your left side, a mouth guard will be inserted and you will receive intravenous sedation until you are asleep. The medications which are given produce a sensation of amnesia, so it is entirely possible that you will not have any recollection of the procedure. The total time for the examination is usually less than 15 minutes.

You will rest for a short period of time after the procedure (15-30 minutes). After that, you will be released to go home in the company of a relative/friend. You may not drive yourself and you may not take cab/ride share home. You may eat and drink as soon as you like. You should plan to spend the remainder of the day resting quietly.

It should be understood that any time instruments are used, there is always a theoretical possibility of perforation or bleeding of the intestinal tract. These complications are exceedingly uncommon and generally occur only when there is seriously diseased tissue. You will be advised if any of these complications are likely in your particular case. If any tissue specimens are taken, please allow several days for completion of the biopsy report.

There will be charges for our physician at Digestive Disease Associates. There will also be a charge from Windy City Anesthesia for the use of Propofol (if the exam is performed in our office). Our office will work with you to send the appropriate bills to your insurance agencies.

IT IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY TO BE SURE THAT YOUR HEALTH COVERAGE WILL PAY FOR THE PROCEDURE. IF YOU DO NOT PROVIDE OUR OFFICE WITH YOUR INSURANCE INFORMATION AT LEAST ONE WEEK PRIOR TO THE PROCEDURE YOU ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR OBTAINING NECESSARY AUTHORIZATIONS, PRECERTIFICATION AND REFERRAL NUMBERS PRIOR TO THE EXAMINATION.

You may be billed for charges that are disallowed by your insurance company.