***UPPER ENDOSCOPY (EGD) PREP***

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To get the best results from your Upper Endoscopy and to avoid having to do the procedure over, please follow these instructions completely unless directed otherwise by your physician. Please take your insulin or blood thinner products as you were directed by your GI physician during your office visit. If you have questions, please call us at 970-297-6303.

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| **Time line** | **What you need to do** | **Comments** |
| **7 days** before procedure | * Arrange for a responsible adult to come with you into the facility on the day of your procedure to listen to your discharge instructions and drive you home. You may NOT take a cab or public transportation. You will not be allowed to drive until the day following your procedure. * **if you take blood thinner products:**  follow the specific instructions for your blood thinner as instructed by the Coumadin Clinic or your GI Physician. If you have not received specific instructions **1 week prior** to your appointment, please call the Centers for Gastroenterology at 970-207-9773. * **IF YOU TAKE INSULIN PRODUCTS OR ORAL DIABETES PILLS,** please see the enclosed diabetic instruction sheet. | For your safety, your procedure will be cancelled if you do not have a ride home arranged.  You may take Tylenol® if necessary |
| **Day before your procedure:** | * If your exam is before 12:00 noon, please fast after midnight (nothing to eat or drink). * If your exam is after 12:00 noon, do not eat after midnight, but you may drink clear liquids until 4 hours prior to your procedure. Clear liquids include:   + Chicken or beef bouillon/broth   + Coffee or tea without cream   + Pulp-free fruit juices (apple, white grape)   + Sport drinks like Gatorade®   + Jello® (not red, blue, or purple)   + Clear sodas (Sprite®, 7Up®, ginger ale) | DO NOT drink or eat anything that is RED, BLUE, or PURPLE. |
| Day of procedure: **4 hours before** | * Take your usual medications (especially heart and blood pressure medications) **up to 4 hours prior to the procedure.** It is OK to take aspirin up to and including the day of the procedure, up to 4 hours prior to your procedure. **Follow specific directions given by your physician regarding insulin, oral diabetes pills, and blood thinners.** * **Do not drink or eat anything until after your procedure is complete, including NO gum, mints, candy or chewing tobacco**. |  |
| Appointment time | * Arrive at your appointment time with your responsible adult companion. | For your safety, your procedure will be cancelled if you do not have a ride home arranged. |