

DIGESTIVE CARE CENTER

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PREPARING FOR YOUR UPPER ENDOSCOPY — EGD, ERCP & EUS

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Arrival Date: _____ Arrival Time: _____ A.M.
 P.M. Procedure Time: _____ A.M.
 P.M.

Memorial Outpatient Surgery Center

525 Doyle Park Dr., 2nd Floor
(707) 547-4600

Santa Rosa Memorial Hospital

1165 Montgomery Dr.
(707) 525-5224

Sutter Surgical and Endoscopy Center

34 Mark West Springs Rd., Ste. 100
(707) 541-3500

As Soon As Possible:

- Plan to take the day of the procedure off from work.
- Find someone who can drive you to and from the appointment or ride with you if you plan on taking a taxi, Uber or Lyft.

7 Days Before the Exam:

- If you are taking **Coumadin (warfarin), Xarelto, Pradaxa, Eliquis, Plavix, Brilinta, Effient, Aggrenox, Persantine, Pletal or any other blood thinning medication, make sure you know if and when you are to stop these medications.** Call the office TODAY if you are unsure. You may continue to take a single aspirin tablet daily.
- Make sure you have returned any paperwork such as your history and demographics forms to the office, not to the procedure facility.

5 Days Before the Exam:

- Stop taking the following medicines:** NSAIDS (Motrin, Aleve, ibuprofen, Naprosyn, naproxen, etc.), iron supplements, fiber supplements such as Metamucil, vitamins and herbal products. You may continue all of your other prescription medications and take up to one 325mg aspirin a day.
- Stop eating very high fiber foods** such as nuts, seeds, popcorn, quinoa, raw veggies, peanuts, corn, berries, and breads or crackers with visible seeds.

1 Day Before the Exam:

- You may have your usual diet this entire day and you may take all of your prescription medications with the exception of the medications, vitamins and herbal products mentioned above.
- Please **don't have any solid food after about 9 P.M.** or so to help make certain your stomach is empty in the morning. No late night snacking tonight!

On the Day of Your Procedure:

- You may have a clear liquid diet after midnight until 4 hours before your procedure.** Clear liquids include:
 - Water with or without bubbles
 - Clear fruit juices without pulp (apple, white grape, lemonade)
 - Coffee or tea (without milk or other creamers)
 - Fat free broth such as vegetable broth
 - Popsicles or Jell-O
 - Clear sports drinks
- You may take your usual medications early this morning, but **do not drink anything or take any medication at all beginning 2 hours before the exam until the exam is complete.** Not even a sip of water!
- If you are diabetic,** do not take your daily diabetic medication this morning.
- Wear loose comfortable clothing, a short-sleeved shirt (to make it easier to start an IV), and warm socks.
- You must have a driver to pick you up.** You cannot drive yourself home. If you do not have someone to drive you home, your procedure will be canceled. You may take a taxi home if you are accompanied by an adult.

The hardest part is over! After you arrive for your procedure, you will meet with a nurse who will talk to you about your medical history, start an IV so you can get fluids, and get you settled. After you meet with your doctor, you will be given medication to sedate you and keep you comfortable during the test. You will recover after your procedure for about 30 minutes and be given a report with the findings and instructions to take home. The entire process takes about 2-3 hours from the time you arrive until the time you are released.

After the examination you should not drive, work or operate machinery for the remainder of the day as there may be lingering effects of the anesthesia. Everyone is a bit different in this regard.

Confirmation:

Our office will call you to confirm your appointment about a week before the procedure. **If we leave you a message you must call us back to complete the confirmation.** If we are unable to confirm at least 2 business days in advance we may change the date of your appointment. If your plans change and you need to change the date for any reason, please give us a notice at least a week in advance so that another patient may use the time. If you change your appointment or fail to appear for the appointment you may be charged a cancellation fee of \$150.00.

The facility where your appointment is scheduled may also call you about 2 days in advance to review the procedure and make certain that you are comfortable with the instructions. They will also confirm the time of the appointment and give you a feel for when you will be ready to leave afterwards.

Patient Financial Responsibility:

Please note, when appropriate, we will preauthorize your procedure. This means we have gained approval for your procedure from your insurance company; however, this is not a guarantee of payment.

It is your responsibility to contact your insurance company to find out your payment obligations. We can provide the appropriate procedure and diagnosis codes to assist you if needed. The charges that may be billed to your insurance company for your procedure include the physician's professional fee, the facility fee where the procedure is performed, and pathology fee or anesthesiologist's fee if applicable. You may contact us with any questions.