

EGD - Frequently Asked Questions

Q: Can I take my medications before the procedure?

A: Yes, except the certain medications mentioned on your EGD instruction page. Please carefully review the instruction page. Generally, you should take prescribed medication, as directed, on the day of your procedure. Please review your EGD instructions for medications that CANNOT be taken.

Q: Can I take my antianxiety medications the morning of my procedure?

A: Yes. You may take your antianxiety medications with a small sip of water.

Q: I am diabetic. What should I do about my insulin?

A: Call the physician that manages your diabetes and tell them of your fasting instructions. That physician should determine how to change your insulin dose.

Q: How long will the EGD take?

A: The procedure usually takes 30 minutes. You should plan to be at the facility for approximately 3 hours. The amount of time may vary from patient to patient.

Q: Why do I have to stop drinking six hours before I come in?

A: We ask that you stop all clear liquids six hours prior to your procedure to allow your stomach to empty. If there are liquids in your stomach when given sedation, those liquids could be aspirated into your lungs causing serious complications.

Q: Can I brush my teeth the morning of my procedure?

A: Yes. Do not swallow any liquid.

Q: When can I eat after my procedure?

A: Generally, you can eat immediately after your procedure avoiding greasy or spicy foods.

Q: Why can't I drive myself home after my procedure?

A: Due to the sedation given during the procedure, you are considered legally impaired. The sedation medication impairs your judgment and reflexes. You will not be permitted to drive until the day following your procedure.

Q: Can I take a bus or a taxi home by myself after my procedure?

A: No. Due to the sedation given during the procedure, you are considered legally impaired. The sedation medication impairs your judgment and reflexes. A trusted person must be with you to drive you home or accompany you on public transit.

Q: If I do not feel well, should I come in?

A: If you feel ill, or have a fever greater than 100.4 degrees F, please call to speak with a nurse.

Q: Will I be awake for this procedure?

A: During deep sedation you will not be easily awakened. You are expected to sleep throughout the procedure.

Q: When can I expect results from my procedure?

A: Please allow 10 business days for results.

Q: How do I reach you if I have further questions?

A: Call our scheduler between 8:00am-4:30pm at 316-261-3130 ext. 286
Before or after hours please call 316-261-3130