

DIGESTIVE HEALTHCARE OF GEORGIA, P.C.

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ERCP Preparation Instructions

You are scheduled for an **ERCP (Endoscopic Retrograde Cholangiopancreatography)** on

_____ at _____ a.m. p.m.

Please report to **Piedmont Fayette Hospital** registration desk at _____ located at the
West Entrance lobby of the hospital.

Someone must bring you to your procedure, stay during the procedure and drive you home. If your driver is not in the waiting area, your procedure will not be performed.

Procedures cancelled less than 3 business days of the appointment may be subject to a charge of \$250.00. These charges will be billed to the patient and not their insurance carrier.

If you have any questions or need to cancel your procedure please call:

Piedmont Fayette Hospital:

Dr. Gryboski: 678-817-6550 x 1422 **Ann M.**

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In order to pre-certify the procedure, we must have your current insurance card(s). Our billing office staff will contact the insurance company to pre-certify the procedure. *Pre-certification is not a guarantee of payment.* For benefit information, contact your insurance company.

Please bring your insurance card, a picture ID and a list of your current medications to the facility on the day of your procedure.

If you have any special needs, please notify the staff prior to your procedure (pacemaker/defibrillator, latex allergy, need for language interpreter, etc). If you have sleep apnea, you may need to bring your CPAP machine.

**IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR YOUR ERCP
(Endoscopic Retrograde Cholangiopancreatography)**

If you vary from these instructions in any way, this includes drinking any fluids, your procedure will be delayed or cancelled.

You may have nothing to eat or drink after midnight the morning of the procedure except for the medications listed below. If your procedure is scheduled for later in the day, you must have nothing by mouth for at least 8 hours prior to the procedure. **This includes NO gum, hard candy, cough drops or ice chips the day of the procedure.**

Two weeks before procedure, stop taking any **herbal products**, including **Olestra** products. (Olestra can be found in snack products labeled “no fat” or “light”.)

One week before your procedure, read all “over the counter” labels. Take no **Ibuprofen (or other NSAIDs such as Advil, Aleve, Excedrin, etc), no BC or Goody’s Powders, no arthritis medications or anti-inflammatory medications. You may take Tylenol (acetaminophen).** Do not take **Vitamin E, Iron, Multi Vitamins or fish oil products.** All of these medications have a blood thinning effect and could cause unnecessary bleeding.

Your doctor will advise you to stop Plavix, Coumadin, or Predaxa 3, 4 or 5 days before the procedure.

The morning of the procedure when you wake up, you may take medications for **heart, blood pressure, seizures and/or breathing problems** with a small sip of water. If you have any doubt whether you should take your medications prior to your procedure, simply bring them with you.

If you are **diabetic**, read and follow the special **diabetic instructions**.

Please do not consume alcoholic beverages 24 hours before your exam.

Wear comfortable clothes that are easy to remove. Jewelry should be left at home with the exception of weddings bands. Remove any tongue, lip, nose and/or cheek piercings prior to your procedure.

There is a slight possibility you may be required to stay at the hospital for observation after your procedure. In order to be prepared, we suggest bringing a small overnight bag with toiletries, extra clothes, etc.

Please call the office in advance of your procedure so we may address any questions you may have.

Failure to follow these procedure prep instructions may cause your procedure to be delayed or cancelled and rescheduled.