IU Health Gastroenterology:

Esophago-Gastro-Duodenoscopy (EGD) Instructions

Please follow these directions carefully:

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 Ensure that you have an adult, 18 years or older, to bring you home and care for you. You may not use a taxi, medical cab or rideshare service unless you have someone to accompany you. Check your medications. If you are taking a blood thinner, please call 812-355-6931, option #2, for directions on holding the medication before your procedure. If you have not received blood thinner hold instructions 7 days before the procedure, call 812-355-6931, option #2. If you have had a heart stent placed within the last twelve (12) months, please call 812-355-6931, option #2. If you are diabetic, please note: The day before your procedure, take all oral diabetic medications by mouth according to your usual schedule. Take only ½ of your normal insulin dose the evening before your procedure. On the morning of your procedure, you should hold all oral diabetic medications and insulin. If your blood sugar is above 350 the morning of your procedure, please call the Charge Nurse at the facility where you are scheduled for further instructions. BEC: 812-322-3897; IUH Bloomington: 812-918-3484; Our physicians reserve the right to cancel your procedure for your safety
 Stop any GLP-1/weight loss medications or supplements.
 Stop anti-inflammatory medications (Motrin, Advil, Ibuprofen, Aleve, Naproxen, Mobic, Meloxicam, etc.) Stop iron Stop Vitamins & Herbal Medications and supplements. (CBD, Hemp oil, etc.)
Stop all solid food. You may drink clear liquids until 2 hours prior to arrival time.
Examples of Clear Liquids - Okay to drink: Water Black coffee or tea (Sugar/sweetener is ok, no cream or milk) Clear juice (apple, white grape, white cranberry, etc.) Soda (Brown and light-colored sodas are both allowed) Gatorade, Powerade Jello popsicles without dairy or fruit pulp, Italian ice Clear broth (Beef, Chicken or Vegetable) NOT Clear Liquids - Not Okay to drink: Coffee with milk or cream Alcohol Juice and popsicles with fruit pulp Milk or any dairy products
 Rice, noodles or any Solid foods

Day of your appointment:

If you take oral diabetic medications by mouth, do NOT take these the morning of your procedure.

If you take insulin, do NOT take it the morning of your procedure.

Two (2) hours prior to arrival

- Take all other morning medications excluding pain medications (see below,) with a sip of water.
- Stop all Liquids
- Do not consume anything by mouth 2 hours before your procedure. This includes food, liquids, cough drops, chewing gum, tobacco, marijuana, use of e-cigarettes and chewing tobacco.

Please Read the Following Medication Instructions:

- Aspirin If you are taking aspirin, you may continue to take it.
- You should take your usual heart, blood pressure and seizure medications up to the time of your procedure.
- Do NOT take any pain medication 4 hours prior to procedure. If holding these medications is a concern, please discuss it with the nurse when you receive your PreOp call 7-14 days prior to your test or call 812-355-6931, option #2.
- Bring a List of your Medications, Advance Healthcare Directives and a Photo ID along with your Insurance Cards.
- Plan to be in the facility for approximately 2-3 hours, on the day of your procedure.
- Limit visitors to 2; Small children should not be brought to the facility.
- Leave all jewelry and valuables at home.
- If your EGD is scheduled with anesthesia at IU Health Bloomington Hospital, you must have a Pre-Op call with Pre-Anesthesia Testing (PAT.) You should have been given a date and time for this call when your EGD was scheduled.
- If you need to cancel or reschedule your procedure or your PAT call, please call: 812-355-6931, option #1.
- If you have any questions about your instructions or your procedure, please call: 812-355-6931, option #2.

