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Afternoon Appointment Information:

EGD (Esophagogastroduodenoscopy)

Location: _____

PRE-REGISTRATION: Only call to pre-register if your procedure has been scheduled at one of the following facilities:

Palmetto Richland Memorial Hospital call to pre-register at 803-434-2006

Palmetto Baptist Hospital call to pre-register at 803-296-5160

Providence (Main) call to pre-register at 803-256-5635

Stop the following medications on: _____

1. Stop all aspirin and aspirin containing products 5 days before test. IT IS OK TO TAKE EXTRA STRENGTH TYLENOL.

2. Stop all arthritis medication 5 days before test (Celebrex, Mobic, Ultram, Naproxen, Plaquenil, Voltaren)

3. Stop all iron supplements 5 days before test (Tandum plus, Bifera, Ferrous Sulfate, Folic Acid, Integra plus)

4. Stop all Blood Thinners 5 days before test. (Aggrenox, Coumadin, Warfarin, Xarelto, Pradaxa, Plavix)

The day before EGD: _____

1. Take all of your regular medications, except aspirin or aspirin containing products, arthritis medication, iron supplements, and blood thinners.
2. Routine diet up until midnight

The Day of Procedure: _____

1. NOTHING TO EAT AFTER _____AND NOTHING TO DRINK AFTER _____ PRIOR TO YOUR SCHEDULED PROCEDURE TIME. Going without food or liquid allows for a safer, more complete test and reduces the chance of nausea.

2. You may take your blood pressure medicine with a small sip of water.

3. FOR DIABETIC PATIENTS: Hold any pill form diabetic medicine on the morning of the test. You can take it after the test when you are home and eating again. If you are insulin dependent you can take ½ of your normal dose on the morning of the procedure.

4. Arrive with a loved one. They must stay for the entire procedure and drive you home. The estimated time for your entire visit is 2-3 hours depending on circumstances.