

DOCTOR MARK DAVIDSON, M.D.

PATIENT'S NAME _____ D.O.B: _____

YOUR PROCEDURE _____

DATE OF PROCEDURE _____

TIME OF PROCEDURE _____ ARRIVE _____

LOCATION G.I. Lab _____

ADDRESS _____

TELEPHONE # _____

REFERRING PHYSICIAN _____

ADDRESS _____

TELEPHONE # _____

OTHER SCHEDULED TEST(S) _____

SCHEDULER: _____ DATE _____

PATIENT UNDERSTANDS INSTRUCTIONS:

BRING THIS PAMPHLET BACK ON YOUR NEXT OFFICE APPOINTMENT

RETURN APPOINTMENT:

Welcome to the Practice of Mark M. Davidson, M.D.

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*We are pleased that you have selected
Dr. Davidson as your physician*

We would like you to feel secure in knowing that we will do our best to provide you with the best medical care. For your convenience, we have designed this "Patient Information Form" to acquaint you with our Gastroenterology services. After your initial consultation with Dr. Davidson, you may have (EGD) and/or Colonoscopy. These procedures, performed at one of the local hospitals or at a local surgery centers, will assist Dr. Davidson in investigating the nature of your problem.

1. For the procedure, an overnight fast is Mandatory. Not even water should be taken for eight hours prior to the procedure. If your procedure is scheduled for the afternoon, you may be allowed to have clear liquids or water in the early morning. Please discuss these options with your scheduler.

2. Upon arrival at the facility, the nurse will prepare you for the procedure. Medications to relax you will be administered and a nurse will remain with you during and after the procedure to answer any questions you may have. Most procedures take less than one hour, with some taking as little as fifteen minutes. However you must allow at least 2 hours from the time the procedure ends for stabilization and observation by a nurse professional.

3. You may take medications and resume eating after the procedure.

4. Due to the medications sedative effect, you must have someone drive you home after the procedure. If you do not bring a driver, your procedure will be cancelled.

UPPER GI ENDOSCOPY (EGD)

After gargling or spraying your pharynx with a local anesthetic (to prevent gagging) and after receiving a mild sedative, you will be asked to swallow a small flexible tube through which the doctor is able to see inside the stomach, take photos, collect fluids or remove tiny bits of tissue (biopsy). This exam is particularly useful in identifying causes of upper abdominal pain.

*Stop taking Aspirin or anti-inflammatory pain medications and all blood thinners such as Coumadin and Plavix **four days** prior to the procedure.*

INSTRUCTION: *Nothing to eat or drink after midnight the night before the procedure (Not even water).*

YOU MUST FOLLOW THESE INSTRUCTIONS FOR ALL PROCEDURES:

- * Please arrive 60 minutes before the scheduled procedure and report to the outpatient admitting department. Bring this Pamphlet to the G.I. Lab and give to the nurse.
- * You may take your medications on the day of your procedure except medications for diabetes. You may bring your medication(s) with you, if necessary. Medications such as Insulin will be administered after the procedure.
- * Bring all necessary insurance information, i.e. insurance card(s) and Identification card or driver's license.
- * If for any reason you are unable to keep a scheduled appointment, it is imperative that you call at least 24 hours before your appointment. Failure to do so will result in you being charge for an office visit.
- * If you do not fully understand any of the instructions, feel free to call our office for clarification at (310) 855-0222.
- * Follow all prep instructions. If you have problems with the prep, call our office, another prep may be prescribed. If you are not properly cleaned, the procedure may be rescheduled or a repeat prep. may be required.
- * **You must bring a driver or procedure will be cancelled. Public transportation is not allowed.**