

DDA | DIGESTIVE DISEASE ASSOCIATES

Upper Endoscopy Instructions

Please note: failure to follow instructions in their entirety may result in cancellation of your procedure

On _____, report to the location marked below. You will receive a message 2-5 days before your procedure titled "Procedure Reminder" in the message section of the MyChart application.

Read the entire message. This will provide you with your arrival time. If you do not have MyChart you will be called. For any questions please call 203-481-0315 and leave a message. We will return your call.

() DDA Endoscopy Center, 687 Main St, Branford

() Milford Hospital Endoscopy, 300 Seaside Ave, Milford

() St. Raphaels Hospital Endoscopy Center, 1450 Chapel Street, New Haven

Week before your procedure: Try to avoid NSAIDs (Ibuprofen, Aleve, Advil, Motrin) if you can.

Evening before your procedure: Have a light dinner, try to eat earlier in the evening if possible. Absolutely no solids after midnight.

Day of your procedure: Limit oral intake as much as possible. Sips of clear liquids are OK up to 4 hours before your arrival time. DO NOT have anything by mouth for 4 hours before you are due to arrive.

- The procedure is performed with IV sedation so you cannot drive the entire day of your procedure
- You can expect to be here for 2 hours from your arrival time, please tell your ride to be back by that time
- Public transportation is not adequate (no taxi, bus, Uber, train, etc.) and someone must accompany you to and from your procedure. If you are unsteady on your feet, someone needs to stay with you at drop off
- Do not wear perfume, cologne, or any lotions the day of your procedure. Avoid jewelry if possible.
- If your other doctors are planning any cardiac or neurologic tests (e.g. stress test, ultrasound, Holter, MRI) these should be completed before our procedure with results of these tests documented in your chart
- If you've had any major health events (e.g. surgery, COVID) in the past 6 weeks please notify our office

Adjusting Your Medications

- **Baby Aspirin** (81mg): OK to continue taking, including the day of your procedure
- **Blood thinners** (e.g. Coumadin, Xarelto, Eliquis, Pradaxa, Plavix): Please provide our office the name of the provider who prescribes your medication. Our office will call them to ask how many days it should be held prior to the procedure. If the medication is not held prior to your procedure it may be cancelled.
- **Diabetes:** Please consult with your endocrinologist or PCP on how to adjust your insulin or oral medication in advance of your procedure. If you take oral medication (e.g. Metformin, Actos, Glipizide, Rybelsus), it is common to hold these medications the day before and day of your procedure. Please see instructions below regarding weight loss medications, which can also be used for diabetes.
- **Weight loss:** If you are on a Glucagon-like peptide-1 receptor agonist (GLP-1RA - Trulicity, Ozempic, Wegovy, Mounjaro, Victoza, Saxenda, Adlyxin, Byetta) **you can ONLY have clear liquids the entire day before your procedure.**
- **Asthma:** If you use an inhaler, please bring it with you.
- **Implanted cardiac devices:** If you have a defibrillator, please confirm with your doctor that your procedure is being done at the hospital
- **Do NOT stop taking your heart, blood pressure, anxiety, or seizure medications.** On the morning of your procedure, you can take your medications with a sip of water. Please do so at least 2 hours before your arrival time for the procedure. You can take evening medications the night before as you normally would.