



DIGESTIVE DISEASE ASSOCIATES

SPECIALIZING IN DIAGNOSING AND TREATING GASTROINTESTINAL, BILIARY AND LIVER CONDITIONS

Driver Responsibilities

As our patient, your safety is of utmost importance to us. You will be receiving intravenous sedation during your endoscopy procedure. Although the medications wear off gradually, you will still be under the effects of them when you leave the procedure. For example, your reflexes and your thinking may be slower than usual even though you will be awake when you are discharged. Because of this, we have strict guidelines for you to follow. **Failure to follow these guidelines will result in the rescheduling of your procedure, even if you have followed the preparation instructions.**

Read the following information and share it with your escort/driver prior to the date of your procedure:

1. You must have a responsible adult escort/driver, age 18 years or older, check in with you. This person must remain in the building throughout your procedure and recovery. Ask your escort/driver NOT to make appointments or plans for the time you are scheduled at the endoscopy center. DO NOT plan to phone your driver for pick up.
2. If you take Public transportation, such as a city bus, taxi, uber, etc. you must have a responsible escort/driver check in with you and remain in the building throughout your procedure.
3. Your escort/driver MUST check in with you and speak with the endoscopy center office staff when you arrive. If your escort/driver does not check in with you, your procedure will need to be rescheduled. If you have questions about this, contact our office at 410-247-7500.
4. The visit will take approximately two to three hours, from admission through discharge. The amount of time could be less or more, depending on unforeseen circumstances.
5. Your escort/driver must plan to drive you home immediately after discharge. The doctor may recommend that you eat sparingly, or not at all, in the hours immediately following the procedure. Please drink lots of fluid and eat soft, easily digestible foods which won't irritate your colon.
6. All patients receive written discharge instructions and information regarding their procedure. While your physician will talk with you briefly following your procedure, you may not remember specific conversation details due to the medications you received.
7. As authorized by you prior to your procedure, your physician may speak with your escort/driver regarding the findings of your exam and plan for your care while you are still in the recovery room.

Patient Signature

Date