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General Instructions for All Endoscopy Procedures

If you have any questions, please contact our office at 803-324-7607 and ask for procedure scheduling. You may also visit our web site above.

Diabetes patient instructions for endoscopy procedures:

If you take insulin shots:

- The day before the procedure:
 - That morning take usual dose of insulin and that evening take half (1/2) the usual dose of insulin. Check your blood sugar frequently that day. If your sugar falls below 70, drink sprite or 7up (not diet).
- The morning of the procedure:
 - Take no diabetes insulin or pills.
 - Only take your heart or blood pressure medications.

If you take pills for diabetes:

- The night before your procedure, take no diabetes pills.
- The morning of the procedure, take no diabetes pills.
- If your blood sugar falls below 70, then drink sprite or 7up (not diet).

Coumadin, Plavix, Aggrenox, Pradaxa, Asprin and Iron Pills

- If you take COUMADIN, please stop four(4) days prior to your procedure.
- If you take PLAVIX or AGGRENEX, please stop seven(7) days prior to your procedure.
- If you take PRADAXA, please stop 48 hours (two days) prior to your procedure.
- If you take IRON PILLS, please stop four(4) days prior to your procedure.
- You may continue on your ASPIRIN for the procedures.

Please take regular medications as normal such as blood pressure or other heart medications (unless listed above).

****Note: Failure to cancel your procedure 24 hours in advance will result in a missed procedure fee of \$100.**