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## *Information for You from Your Health Care Team*

### Preparation for E.R.C.P. (Endoscopic Retrograde Cholangiopancreatography)

Your procedure has been scheduled for \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_ .  
(date) (time)

Please check in at Patient Registration in the main lobby at Upstate Medical University Hospital at \_\_\_\_\_ .

#### Patient Preparation Instructions

1. Do not eat or drink after midnight before the procedure.
2. You **must** have someone come with you to drive you home. The medications administered during the procedure may cause you to feel weak, drowsy or dizzy. **If you come without a driver, the procedure will not be done.**
3. Notify our office **NOW** if you are taking:
  - Blood thinners such as Coumadin, Plavix, Lovenox or Heparin
  - Aspirin
  - Diabetic medication and/or Insulin
4. Please leave valuables at home

#### Description of Procedure

1. The day of the procedure, you will be asked to:
  - Undress and put on a hospital gown
  - Sign an informed consent
  - Remove dentures and plates
  - Provide information concerning all allergies and medications
2. Before the procedure an IV will be started
3. You will be transported by stretcher to the Endoscopy Suite on the 3rd floor where the ERCP will be performed.
4. The RN will monitor your blood pressure, pulse and respirations before, during and after the procedure.
5. Medications to help you relax and achieve Moderate Sedation will be administered through the IV line when you are positioned on the x-ray table immediately before the exam. You will not be put to sleep, but will be made as comfortable as possible.
6. The procedure may take 30 minutes to approximately 1 ½ hours.
7. After the procedure, you will be taken to a room by stretcher and allowed to rest. Your family member or friend will be allowed to stay with you.
8. When you are alert, the physician will discuss the results with you. Once you are feeling well, you will be discharged.

**Any questions, please call University Gastroenterology at (315) 464-5728.**

**If you need to change or cancel your appointment,  
please call (315) 464-1600 or (315) 464-1616.**