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### **ENDOSCOPY PREPARATION INSTRUCTIONS**

#### PLEASE READ THIS INFORMATION AS SOON AS YOU RECEIVE IT!

If you have any questions about these instructions or to make a change to your appointment, Please call:

• OFFICE: 314.529.4900 - Option 2

• EXCHANGE: 314.388.6519

| Date and Time                   |    |  |
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| Your procedure is scheduled for | at |  |

Please arrive 1 hour prior to your procedure. We work very hard to stay on schedule. We need this time to complete paperwork, place an IV, etc.

#### Location

The St. Luke's GI/Endoscopy lab is located at 232 S. Woods Mill Road, Chesterfield, MO 63017. The GI/Endoscopy Lab is located on the first floor, Suite 130 of the East Medical Building.

From Hwy40/Interstate 64:

- ▶ Go north on Woods Mills Road (Hwy. 141) 1/2 mile to Conway Road.
- Turn right at the stoplight onto Conway Road. Turn left into the hospital east entrance.
- Turn left again into the east surface parking lot or East Garage (3 levels). There is direct access to the East Medical Building from Level 1 or 3. Complimentary valet parking is available and is highly encouraged. Valet parking begins at 7:30am.

If you cannot keep your scheduled appointment, please notify us at least **2 business days** before your scheduled time.

Please review the "special circumstances" section of this document carefully to see if you require special instructions or modifications.

### PREPARATION:

- Nothing to eat or drink after midnight.
- ▶ IF your procedure is scheduled for at or after 2:30 pm, you may consume clear liquids only before 7 am the morning of your procedure.

You may take your usual medications with sips of water as early as possible on the day of the procedure.

### The day of the procedure:

- Arrive at the GI/Endoscopy Lab at St. Luke's Hospital 1 hour prior to your scheduled procedure time. Visit St. Luke's Hospital website at www.stlukes-stl.com for maps and directions.
- You will need someone to drive you to and from the hospital AND wait in the waiting room until the procedure is done. The procedure can't be done unless you have a driver. You will be there for approximately 2 to 2-1/2 hours from the time you arrive.
- We have enclosed a patient information form and a medication list. Please fill these out at home and bring them with you to your appointment along with your insurance cards and drivers license. If you have any questions, the nurse will go over it with you at the time of your appointment.
- All Female Patients: If you are between the ages of 12-49, you will be required to give a urine specimen unless you have had a hysterectomy or Tubal Ligation.

### SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS:

Patients with an automatic implantable defibrillator and /or pacemaker: Please call us at least five (5) days before the procedure for instructions.

Coumadin, Jantoven (warafin): Call your primary care doctor or cardiologist and ask if you can safely stop the Coumadin four (4) days before your procedure. If your doctor tells you that you cannot stop the Coumadin, then please call us immediately to make us aware of this. We will then discuss with you the various options available.

If you take **Eliquis (apixaban)**, or **Pradaxa (dabigatran)**: Call your primary care doctor or cardiologist and ask if you can safely stop these medications 48 hours before your procedure. If your doctor tells you that you cannot stop these medications, please call us immediately to make us aware of this. We will then discuss with you the various options available.

If you take Xarelto (rivaroxaban), Aristra (fondaparinux), Fragmin (dalteparin), Iprivask (desirudin), or Lovenox (enoxaparin): Call your primary care doctor or cardiologist and ask if you can safely stop these medications 24 hours before your procedure. If your doctor tells you that you cannot stop these medications, please call us immediately to make us aware of this. We will then discuss with you the various options available.

Antibiotics for procedures: Recent publications from both the American Heart Association and American Society for Gastrointestional Endoscopy state that antibiotics are not necessary for routine endoscopic procedures.

Insulin: Call your primary care doctor at least five (5) days before the procedure and ask for instructions.

Plavix: (clopidogrel) and aspirin: It is not necessary to stop Plavix and aspirin prior to your procedure.

Herbal Medications: It is best to stop any herbal remedies five (5) days before the procedure as many of them can thin the blood and increase the risk of bleeding during the procedure.

### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

Approximately 3 business days prior to your procedure, you will be receiving an automated phone call from our Phone Tree system reminding you of your appointment. Please listen to this entire message and press the appropriate number for your response regarding your appointment. If you are not at home, Phone Tree will leave a message on your answering machine. Unless you want to cancel or reschedule your appointment, it is not necessary to call the office to confirm. We will assume you are keeping your scheduled appointment unless we hear from you.

You will also receive a call from St. Luke's GI/Endoscopy Lab a couple days prior to your appointment to go over your health history.

You may visit our website (www.gatewaygi.com) for more detailed information regarding the physician you will be seeing and other services offered.

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# GATEWAY GASTROENTEROLOGY, INC. MEDICATION SHEET

For Medical Records purposes, we will need you to provide us with a list of your current medications. This

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### FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE

#### Dear Patient:

We would like to take this opportunity to welcome you, and to let you know that we are committed to providing you with the best possible care. Please take a few minutes to read this important information regarding our financial policies. We will gladly discuss your proposed treatment and answer and questions you have relating to your charges:

For billing purposes, there are separate service components for which you will be billed separately:

- 1. Physician Professional Charge: We will bill this charge for you. This billing is for the physician's professional services that are provided during your procedure. If you are a new patient to our office there will be a separate consultation fee.
- 2. Facility Charge: There will also be a facility bill for the use of the facility in which your procedure is being performed. If the procedure requires additional services the billing will be increased depending on the added requirement. The facility will bill these charges separately to you.
- 3. Laboratory and Pathology Charge: If you have a biopsy taken, you will receive a bill from the laboratory that processes your biopsy.
- 4. Anesthesia Charge: If your procedure utilizes the services of the anesthesia provider, this professional charge will be billed separately to you. This billing is for the anesthesia provider's professional services that are provided during your procedure.

Payments made to the facility on the day of service are credited towards the facility charge only.

If you have insurance, we will file a claim for you. Please understand that your insurance is a contract between you and your insurance company and that complete payment to us is ultimately your responsibility. Under certain circumstances some insurance carriers may not always cover or may deny payment for services provided. Our office will bill your insurance first. After your insurance processes the claim, we will forward a statement to you if there is any patient responsibility. Please remit payment in a timely fashion or call the office to make payment arrangements.

If you belong to an insurance plan, we will follow guidelines set forth in those plans. Please be sure to contact your primary care physician if your insurance requires a referral. Services cannot be rendered if proper authorization has not been given. We **DO** participate in Medicare.

If you do not have insurance, payment for services is due at the time services are rendered unless payment arrangements have been approved in advance. To assist you, we accept checks, MasterCard, Visa, and Discover.

We recognize that temporary financial problems may affect timely payment of your account. If such problems arise, we encourage you to contact us promptly for assistance in the management of your account. We are willing to work with you, but we need you to communicate with us. We do use outside agencies as a means of collections should we deem it necessary.

If you have questions about the above information or any uncertainty regarding insurance coverage, don't hesitate to ask us. We are here to help you. You can reach our billing department at 314-529-4990.

# INFORMATION RELEASE

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## SIGNATURE MEDICAL GROUP, INC.

# Acknowledgment of Receipt of Notice of Privacy Practices

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