

RAVINIA ASSOCIATES ENDOSCOPY CENTER

Tips before your procedure:

- **Please call us at 847-681-4229 two days prior to your procedure so we can obtain a brief medical history.**
- Make arrangements to be off of work or school.
- You are required to make arrangements for a ride with a family member or friend. ***You will not be allowed to drive, take a bus or taxi, if you can not get a ride your procedure will be cancelled.***
- **BY LAW, YOU CANNOT DRIVE FOR 24 HOURS AFTER YOUR PROCEDURE.**
- Bring a list of current prescription and nonprescription medications (OTC, anti-inflammatory, herbal, vitamins, etc.) you are currently taking.
- Bring a list of your allergies.
- Check with your insurance carrier to see if you need a pre-approval for your procedure and understand your financial responsibility.
- For bowel preparation instructions on the day prior to the procedure, refer to either the written instructions or our website www.raviniagi.org. A thorough cleansing of the colon is essential to the examination and the prep is most successful when the directions are followed completely.

Day of the procedure:

You should arrive one hour prior to your scheduled procedure. Plan to be with us for a total of two to three hours. When you arrive, you will need to complete your paperwork and change into a patient gown. PLEASE LEAVE ALL JEWELRY AT HOME AS WE ARE NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR ANY LOST JEWELRY. The nursing staff will perform a brief medical assessment, place an I.V., and take you into the procedure room where you will be sedated and undergo your test. The colonoscopy takes about 20 - 40 minutes and the upper endoscopy takes about 10 - 15 minutes. After your procedure, you will rest in the recovery area while the sedative wears off. Your physician will speak to you once you are awake. However, due to the sedation, you may not remember all the details of your conversation. Please have a family member or a friend present.

Cancellation Policy:

IF YOU MUST CANCEL YOUR PROCEDURE, PLEASE DO SO AT LEAST 72 HOURS PRIOR TO YOUR SCHEDULED APPOINTMENT. CANCELLATIONS MADE WITHIN 72 HOURS MAY BE SUBJECT TO A \$300 SERVICE CHARGE.

Insurance:

If you are scheduled for a screening colonoscopy, and during the procedure a biopsy is taken or a polyp is removed, it is no longer considered a screening colonoscopy. **AT THIS TIME THE SCREENING COLONOSCOPY IS CONSIDERED A SURGICAL PROCEDURE AND YOUR INSURANCE BENEFITS MAY CHANGE.**

If you have any questions please call our office at 847-433-3460.