

Appointment Date: _____ Arrival Time: _____ Procedure Time: _____ Physician: _____

**Plan to spend 3 – 4 hours in the GI Lab

- Location
- 259 E Erie St, **Lavin** Pavilion,
16th floor, Chicago, IL
- 675 N Saint Clair St, **Galter** Pavilion,
4th floor, Chicago, IL

Insurance Codes:

Procedure Code (CPT): 44386

Diagnosis Code (ICD 10): _____

Welcome

Northwestern Medicine Memorial Hospital strives for your experience with Endoscopy Services and the hospital to be excellent. Your safety and comfort are our primary concern and we want your stay to be an exceptional experience.

Appointment Information

You will receive an arrival time for your procedure. Please be aware that your procedure may be delayed due to unforeseen circumstances.

Please keep your original appointment. If you need to re-schedule your procedure, you MUST give at least a 7-day notice.

For scheduling related matters, please call: 312.926.0628

For clinical concerns/questions, please call: 312.695.5620

Transportation and Parking

If you are receiving sedation for your procedure:

Due to the lingering effects of the sedation, you **MUST** have a trusted and capable adult accompany you home at the time of discharge. You cannot take a Taxi, Uber or public transportation by yourself. Your procedure will be cancelled if you do not have an escort arranged. You will NOT be able to return to work after the procedure.

Parking for the Lavin location is available within the Lavin building located at 259 E. Erie Street, which is accessible from both Erie and Ontario streets. Bring your parking ticket to the GI lab for validation to receive a discount on your parking deck fee. Valet parking is available.

Parking for the Galter Pavilion is located at 222 E. Huron Street. Use second floor bridge to access Galter Pavilion.

For more information on our parking garage locations, parking deck fees, and a map, please visit www.nm.org.

| <u>Timeline</u> | <u>Procedure Preparation</u> |
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| 14 DAYS BEFORE THE PROCEDURE | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ If you are taking a blood thinner (Coumadin, Plavix, Eliquis, etc.) other than aspirin, please contact your prescribing physician at least 2 weeks before your procedure to discuss how long to hold these medications. Your prescribing physician will tell you how many days prior to your procedure to stop/bridge your blood thinner. You may continue to take aspirin. |
| 7 DAYS BEFORE THE PROCEDURE | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ If you are taking a blood thinner (Coumadin, Plavix, Eliquis, etc.) other than aspirin, please begin following <u>your prescribing physician's instructions</u> for discontinuing or bridging this medication prior to the procedure. You may continue to take aspirin. ➤ If you are taking diabetic medication, please contact the prescribing physician to discuss dosage adjustments to avoid low blood sugar. ➤ Please ensure you have obtained your 1 fleet enema from your pharmacy. |
| 3 DAYS BEFORE THE PROCEDURE | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Please contact your insurance company to verify coverage and if you will have any out of pocket costs, or precertification requirements. Please see the insurance/billing handout for more information on billing, coding, and potential out-of-pocket costs. ➤ This procedure is often performed without sedation. If your physician indicates that you will be receiving sedation, please make transportation arrangements utilizing the transportation and parking section of this document. |
| THE DAY BEFORE THE PROCEDURE | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ If you develop any moderate to severe cold symptoms (cough, sore throat, runny nose, etc.), a fever, new cut or wounds, or experience any other changes in your health before your procedure, please contact your physician's office. <p><u>Diet Instructions:</u></p> <p>Follow a clear liquid diet <u>the evening before your procedure</u> beginning at 6:00pm. Failure to follow this diet may result in cancellation and repeating the preparation.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Clear liquids include any of the following (please avoid all RED and PURPLE colors): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Water, apple juice, white grape juice, lemonade (no pulp), broth/bouillon, Jell-O, popsicles/Italian ice, 7-up, ginger ale, Gatorade, coffee, tea (no milk or creamer), Gatorade (no purple or red colors). <p><u>If you are receiving sedation:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Do not eat anything including gum, mints, tobacco, cough drops, or smoke any substance (i.e. tobacco, vape, marijuana) after midnight. ➤ After midnight, you may have plain water, black coffee/tea (no milk or creamer may be added, however, sugar and artificial sweeteners are permitted), apple juice, or Gatorade up to 2 hours prior to your scheduled arrival time. All other beverages/drinks are to be avoided after midnight. <p><u>If you are <i>not</i> having sedation,</u> you may drink clear liquids up until your procedure time.</p> <p><u>Bowel Preparation:</u> Please follow these bowel preparation instructions carefully. The rectum and the lower portion of your colon must be completely emptied of stool so your</p> |

physician can view the lining of the pouch. You will need to purchase 1 Fleet Enema (a liquid solution that washes out the intestine) which are available over the counter (no prescription is needed). Please discard the enema solution and fill the bottle with warm tap water instead and follow the instructions on the box.

Prior to the Pouchoscopy (approximately 1 to 2 hours before your arrival time) begin your bowel preparation. Please complete this prior to arriving for the procedure. Follow the instructions on the enema box:

- Lie on your left side on a flat surface
- Draw your knees up toward your stomach
- Remove the top of the enema
- Insert the enema tip fully into the rectum
- Squeeze the enema contents into the rectum
- Hold the enema liquid as long as possible - **3 to 5 minutes is typical**
- Wait for results or bowel movements.

**THE DAY OF
YOUR
PROCEDURE**

- On the day of your procedure, please be available by phone. Occasionally, procedure times are adjusted if the previous cases have run longer or are finished early.
- Call your surgery center if you cannot arrive at your scheduled time at 312.926.2425.
- Bring a photo ID, insurance card, and a copy of your medication list.
- If you have an implanted cardiac defibrillator or pacemaker, bring your device card with you.
- If you use any inhalers or a CPAP machine, please bring these items with you to the procedure as they may be needed for the procedure.
- Wear loose-fitting, comfortable clothes.
- Avoid wearing make-up, jewelry, or contact lenses.
- If you wear contacts, please bring your glasses as your contacts may need to be removed for the procedure.
- For your privacy and safety, only one guest is allowed in the pre-operative and postoperative holding areas.
- Your personal items will be placed and remain under your procedure cart during the entire visit. We recommend bringing only essential items to the hospital and leaving any valuables at home or give them to a trusted family member or friend. The hospital is not responsible for lost or damaged personal belongings.
- Certain items are prohibited inside hospital facilities and we ask for your cooperation. Items not allowed include, but are not limited to, alcohol, tobacco products, weapons and any substances that are illegal under state or federal law. Note: Marijuana can be legally purchased in Illinois. However, due to federal regulations, you may not bring marijuana to Northwestern Medicine hospital facilities.
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POUCHOSCOPY PREPARATION GUIDELINES

GENERAL

- Please follow the dosage timing as provided within the prescribed bowel preparation instructions. This method gives the best bowel preparation/cleansing possible. An excellent bowel preparation is crucial for an adequate exam.
- Be sure to finish the entire prep or else the pouch may not clean adequately.
- The bowel preparation may result in urgency so please plan appropriately.
- **If you are not having sedation**, you may drink clear liquids up until your procedure time.
- **If you are having sedation**, you may have plain water, black coffee/tea (no milk or creamer may be added, however, sugar and artificial sweeteners are permitted), apple juice, or Gatorade up to 2 hours prior to your scheduled arrival time – after this, nothing by mouth. This includes gum, mints, hard candy, cough drops, and cigarettes/tobacco/vape/marijuana.
 - For example, for a 7:30 AM arrival time, nothing by mouth after 5:30 AM.

MEDICATIONS

- If you are taking a **blood thinner (Coumadin, Plavix, Eliquis, etc.)** other than aspirin, please contact your prescribing physician at least 2 weeks before your procedure to discuss how long to hold these medications. You may continue to take aspirin.
 - Do NOT wait until the day before your procedure to have this discussion, as some blood thinners need to be held several days prior to the procedure.
 - Aspirin, NSAIDs, and fish oil are okay to continue taking.
- If you are taking **diabetic medication**, please contact the prescribing physician to discuss dosage adjustments to avoid low blood sugar.
- You may take your other normal medications up until 2 hours prior to arrival time.

CONTACT INFORMATION

Please review this document and the FAQ section before calling our office with questions as your question may be answered from within this document.

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| Clinic | 312.695.5620 |
| Procedure Scheduling | 312.926.0628 |
| Pre-Certification | 312.926.4645 |
| Billing | 844.669.2455 |
| Financial counseling/price estimates | 312.926.6906 |
| Hospital | 312.926.9000 |
| Medical Records | 312.926.3376 |
| Digestive Health Fax | 312.695.7095 |
| | dhc.nm.org |

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Will the procedure be performed under anesthesia?

- Unless your doctor or nurse tells you otherwise, your procedure will be performed under moderate sedation or without sedation. If you are scheduled with sedation, a peripheral IV will be inserted and two medications will be administered (Versed and Fentanyl); these will make you very sleepy/drowsy during the procedure which is why you need to have a capable adult accompany you home.

What if I have a cold?

- If you have a mild cold with no fever, it is okay to take Tylenol and other over the counter cold medications and proceed with the preparation and the procedure. However, if you have a fever or more severe symptoms, it may be safer to call and reschedule the procedure. Please call the office to further discuss.

Will having my period interfere with the pouchoscopy?

- Not at all. It is absolutely fine to use a tampon and/or pad.

Which medications should I take on the day of the procedure?

- See Medication section in the beginning of this document for information regarding diabetic and blood thinner medications. All other medications can be taken up until 2 hours prior to your arrival time, or after the procedure.

Pregnant or breast feeding

- Please let us know if you are or could be pregnant because, except in very rare cases, a pouchoscopy should not be performed.
- If you are breastfeeding, you may resume breastfeeding once you are awake, stable, and alert after your procedure unless otherwise instructed by your physician.

Pre-procedural Antibiotics

- Antibiotics are rarely needed prior to a pouchoscopy. If you are a patient with kidney failure who receives peritoneal dialysis, please notify us ahead of time by calling our office at least 3 days prior to your procedure. IV antibiotics will be given prior to the procedure. If any of your other doctors feels it is necessary for you to receive antibiotics for another reason, he/she can give you a prescription for them.

What can I expect in terms of recovery?

- If you receive sedation, the medication used during your procedure will help you feel relaxed and calm. There is a possibility you may remember parts of your procedure, but many do not. After your procedure, you may feel weak, tired, or unsteady on your feet. You may also have trouble concentrating or short-term memory loss, but these symptoms should go away in 12-24 hours. For these reasons, do not drive, make important decisions, drink alcohol, operate machinery, or return to work for the rest of the day. We strongly recommend that you go home and rest. You may return to normal activity the following day unless instructed otherwise by your physician.