

Gastroenterology Associates Endoscopy Center

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DRIVER / ESCORT RESPONSIBILITIES

Patient safety is of utmost importance to us. Every patient having a procedure at Gastroenterology Associates Endoscopy Center (GAEC), regardless of sedation, is required to have a dedicated escort that remains on the premises for the duration of your procedure. **No exceptions will be made to this policy.**

The sedation medication(s) used during your procedure will wear off gradually and you will still be under the effects of them when you leave the Endoscopy Center. Even though you may feel fine, your reflexes and thinking may be slower than usual. For your safety, we have strict guidelines for you to follow.

Failure to follow these responsibilities will result in the canceling of your procedure, even if you have followed the preparation instructions.

Read the following responsibilities and share it with your escort/driver prior to the date of your planned procedure:

1. You must have a responsible driver/ escort, age 18 years or older, check in with you at the Endoscopy Center. This person must remain in the building throughout your procedure and recovery. Your driver/ escort may not leave the premises for any reason while you are in our facility.
2. Your driver/ escort MUST check in with you and speak with the front desk staff when you arrive at the Endoscopy Center. If your driver/ escort does not check in with you, your procedure will be canceled. If you have questions about this, contact GastroHealth at 360-413-8250.
3. Patients are typically in the Endoscopy Center 2- 2½ hours.
4. Your driver/ escort must plan to drive you home immediately after discharge. We ask our patients NOT to go out to eat following their procedure.
5. If you are planning private transportation such as taxi, RideShare, Dial-A-Ride, Panorama Transport or Paratransit, in addition to the driver, you must still have an additional escort with you. Please bring the phone number of the private transportation service you are using so we can contact them before your procedure starts to confirm pick up time. As a reminder, public transportation (the bus), motorcycles, bicycles and walking are NOT acceptable methods of transportation after a procedure.
6. All patients receive verbal and written discharge instructions. While your physician will talk with you briefly following your procedure, you may not remember part or all of that conversation due to the medications you received.

Thank you for helping us to protect your health and safety.