# UPPER ENDOSCOPY INSTRUCTIONS

PRINCETON GASTROENTEROLOGY ASSOCIATES TO SCHEDULE CALL #609-796-7816 FAX #609-924-7473

#### 7 DAYS BEFORE YOUR ENDOSCOPY:

**Do NOT** take **anti-inflammatory medications** such as Advil, Aleve, Excedrin, Ibuprofen, Motrin, Nuprin, etc. unless otherwise directed by your physician. You **MAY** take Tylenol or acetaminophen if necessary.

#### THE NIGHT BEFORE YOUR ENDOSCOPY:

You may have a normal dinner **before** 8:00 PM. You may have liquids until you go to bed (before midnight).

#### AFTER MIDNIGHT:

Do **NOT** eat or drink anything --- **NOT** even water. Do **NOT** have breakfast on the morning of the procedure.

## ON THE DAY OF THE PROCEDURE:

- You must bring your insurance card and photo ID.
- Bring a referral to the facility if your insurance requires one.
- DO NOT DRIVE THE ENTIRE DAY! Someone MUST drive you to and from your appointment as you will be receiving sedation which impairs your ability to drive an automobile. You may take a taxi ONLY if you are accompanied by an escort over the age of 18. The taxi driver is NOT an acceptable escort.
- NO FOOD OR LIQUIDS including sips of water, gum, mints, cough drops within 6 hours of your scheduled arrival time.
- Please brush your teeth the morning of the procedure, you can use toothpaste, just rinse & spit.
- Do not wear your contact lenses on the morning of the procedure.
- Please being the completed forms to the facility (either the Princeton Endoscopy Center or Princeton Medical Center).
- The procedure generally takes about 20 minutes but you should plan on being present for about 1 ½ 2 hours.

## MEDICATION INSTUCTIONS FOR THE DAY OF YOUR PROCEDURE:

- Please take your morning **PRESCRIBED** medications with a small sip of water as soon as you wake up, the **morning of the procedure** (except for medications you were specifically told to stop).
- Please **TAKE** your asthma medication(s) & please **BRING** your asthma medication to your procedure.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Do **NOT** take your vitamins & supplements the morning of the procedure, but you may take them **after**.

## If you are a DIABETIC:

- \_\_\_\_\_ Do NOT take the following ORAL diabetic medications the morning of the procedure:\_\_\_
- Please obtain specific instructions for the day before & the day of the procedure from your primary care doctor or endocrinologist for the following medications:

## If you take a BLOOD THINNER/ANTI-COAGULANT:

\_\_\_\_\_ You should **NOT** take \_\_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_\_ days **BEFORE** the procedure.

You should **continue** to take your **aspirin** unless otherwise instructed.

## YOUR PROCEDURE IS SCHEDULED AT:

#### Princeton Endoscopy Center

Princeton Plaza, **Suite #104,** 731 Alexander Road Princeton, NJ 08540 Tel # 609-452-1111 Parking & entrance are at the rear of the building. **Penn Medicine Princeton Health** Medical Arts Pavilion, 5 Plainsboro Road, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor Plainsboro, NJ 08536 Tel # 609-853-7500

Nursing Notes:\_\_\_\_