PREPARATION FOR ENDOSCOPY (EGD)

(Please read all instructions carefully before beginning your prep. Not following all instructions could result in cancellation of your procedure after arrival.)

5 DAY PRIOR TO PROCEDURE

- 1. Do not take any aspirin, aspirin products, or arthritic medication five (5) days prior to procedure.
 - a. ***Unless instructed to do so.
 - b. If you take any other type of blood thinners (anticoagulants), you must consult the physician prescribing these prior to discontinuing them (they ordinarily must be discontinued prior to the procedure).
- 2. Do not take acid blockers (Nexium, Prilosec, Zantac, etc.) or Pepto-Bismol, seven (7) days prior to your procedure.

1 DAY PRIOR TO PROCEDURE

1. Discontinue smoking or the use of any tobacco products twenty-four (24) hours prior to your procedure.

DAY OF PROCEDURE (Please remove all jewelry and piercings prior to procedure)

- 1. DO NOT eat any solid foods from midnight until after your scheduled procedure is complete.
 - a. You can have apple juice, bouillon, broth, soda, black coffee or tea, Ensure, Kool-Aid, Boost, Gatorade, and plain Jell-O.
 - b. If you are not diabetic, fruit juice is best.
 - c. NO MILK OR MILK PRODUCTS, SMOOTHIES, ALCOHOL, OR ANYTHING CONTAINING RED FOOD DYE.
 - d. Please take your heart and blood pressure medication as prescribed.
- 2. Starting at ______ am, nothing drink, not even water, until after your procedure is complete.
- 3. You will need someone to drive you home after the procedure due to the sedation. You will not be able to drive until the following day.
 - a. **NO TAXI CABS OR RIDE SHARE APPS** (unless you are accompanied by someone)
- 4. Please leave valuables at home (with the exception of your insurance card and identification card) so nothing comes up misplaced or missing.
- 5. If you have any questions, concerns, or something comes up, please call us at (757) 412-4919.

Thank you and we will see you at your appointment!