

COLONOSCOPY

NAME: _____

You are scheduled for **COLONOSCOPY** at Northern G.I. Endoscopy Center on _____(date). Your procedure is scheduled for _____ but it will be necessary for you to arrive at _____ to allow for our staff to prepare you for the procedure. **Please do not arrive at NGI prior to 7:15 AM as the doors are locked until that time. NGI closes in the afternoon and patients must be picked up no later than 3:30 PM.**

Patients failing to cancel their colonoscopy appointment at least 48 hours in advance will be billed an administrative fee of \$100 by Gastroenterology Associates of Northern N.Y., PC. This fee must be paid in full prior to scheduling future appointments. If you must cancel or reschedule the examination, please call 793-5034 at the earliest possible time. There are often significant delays in rescheduling and if there are any questions regarding the need to cancel due to sickness or other health issues, it is essential that you contact our office or our physician on call (after hours or on weekends).

You will be contacted by a staff member of Northern G.I. Endoscopy Center prior to your procedure to confirm your appointment and answer any questions that you may have. On the day of the exam, please report to Northern G.I. Endoscopy Center, located directly behind our office at 5 Irongate Center in Glens Falls. There are designated parking spaces for Northern G.I. patients along the side of the building, near the Pine Street entrance. Please use entrance C to enter the building. You will need to bring your insurance card and photo ID. Whenever possible, please leave all other valuables including personal belongings at home. As well, please remove jewelry, including piercings, and leave at home.

COLONOSCOPY is an examination of the large intestine by means of a flexible tube with a bright light. This flexible tube is called a colonoscope and it relays images from inside your colon to a video screen viewed by the physician. After you have completed your preparation at home, you will come to Northern GI Endoscopy, where the test will be explained, and you will be given an opportunity to ask questions prior to signing an informed consent form. After you change into your gown and robe, the nurse will insert a small intravenous catheter into a vein in your arm and tape it in place to administer medication before and during the test, as needed. You will be lying on the cushioned table on your left side.

When you are comfortable, the doctor will examine your rectum, and then insert the lubricated tip of the tube. During this test, some people experience gas-like sensations or cramps. This relates to the insufflation of air necessary for a proper examination. You might also experience the feeling that you need to move your bowels. This is caused by the presence of the tube and the air. If needed, more medication will be given to keep you comfortable. The examination usually takes approximately twenty minutes.

The instrument is able to suction any leftover laxative solution and the air put into you, as needed for your comfort. It is possible to take biopsies and remove polyps through a channel in the tube and this procedure is painless.

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When the procedure has been completed, you will be taken to a recovery room where you will rest for a period of time. Then, the intravenous catheter will be removed from your arm and you may use the bathroom and get dressed. The doctor will then explain the results to you and your family. **Patients can expect to be at NGI for 1-1/2 to 2 hours from the time of admission for the procedure to the time of discharge.**

PLEASE NOTE:

1. **Please follow instructions “MiraLax/Gatorade Preparation for Colonoscopy” on the next “attached” page. This includes instructions regarding oral intake on the day prior and day of procedure.**
2. **Our office will provide you with specific instructions if you are taking any of the following medications:**
 - **Insulin**
 - **Anticoagulant medications (blood thinners) such as warfarin (Coumadin, Jantoven), Pradaxa (dabigatran), Xarelto (rivaroxaban), Eliquis (apixaban), Savaysa (edoxaban)**
 - **Antiplatelet medications such as Plavix (clopidogrel), Brilinta (ticagrelor), Effient (prasugrel)**
3. **If you are a diabetic and taking oral diabetic agents, please do not take these medications the day before and the day of your procedure.**
4. **If you are taking steroid medications (e.g. prednisone, Decadron, Medrol), please discuss this with our office prior to your procedure.**
5. **Do not take iron supplements or a multivitamin that contains iron for seven (7) days prior to your colonoscopy.**
6. **All other medications may be continued, including aspirin and nonsteroidal anti- inflammatory drugs (NSAIDs e.g. Celebrex, Bextra, Voltaren, Naprosyn, Motrin, Advil, Aleve). If you have any questions regarding your medications, please contact our office.**
7. **Since you may be given intravenous sedation for this examination, you must have a responsible adult drive you home and accompany you into your residence. As well, you must have a responsible adult stay with you for the next 24 hours. You should plan on limiting your activity and resting at home for the remainder of the day. You must not drive a motor vehicle or operate machinery for the next 24 hours. If there is a problem with these arrangements, please inform our office to allow for rescheduling of your procedure. Sedation for your procedure cannot be administered unless these arrangements are completed.**
8. **If your insurance plan requires a referral from your primary care physician, please confirm that our office has received a referral to cover this procedure. If your insurance plan requires pre-authorization for this procedure, please confirm that our office has obtained the pre-authorization.**
9. **The forwarded gold colored Northern GI Endoscopy Center Pre-Admission History form must be completed prior to presenting for your procedure. Failure to complete this important form may lead to significant delays and/or cancellation of your procedure(s).**

MIRALAX/GATORADE PREPARATION FOR COLONOSCOPY

You are scheduled for COLONOSCOPY at Northern G.I. Endoscopy Center. You will need to purchase the following laxatives **over the counter** at your local pharmacy:

1. **One** 10 oz. bottle of Magnesium Citrate (if only cherry flavored is available, this is allowed despite the red color). If preferred, **four** tablespoons of Milk of Magnesia or **four** Dulcolax (bisacodyl tablets) may be substituted for the Magnesium Citrate.
2. **Two** 119 gram containers of MiraLax (powder).

You will also need to purchase **two** 32 oz. bottles of Gatorade (avoid red or maroon or purple colored Gatorade). If preferred, G2 or Powerade may be substituted. **To ensure that your bowel is cleansed adequately, please follow the instructions below for the MiraLax/Gatorade colonoscopy prep. DO NOT follow the instructions printed on the MiraLax container.**

The Day Before Examination

1. Drink only clear, sweetened liquids for breakfast, lunch, and dinner. No solid food, no milk or milk products allowed.
2. At 5:00 p.m. drink **one** bottle of Magnesium Citrate or take **four** tablespoons of Milk of Magnesia or **four** Dulcolax tablets.
3. At 6:00 p.m. mix **one** 119 gram bottle of MiraLax in 32 oz. of Gatorade, G2 or Powerade. Shake the solution until the MiraLax is dissolved.
4. Drink 1 (one) 8 oz. glass of the MiraLax/Gatorade solution every 15 minutes until the solution is gone. (Four 8 oz. glasses in approximately 1 hour).
5. Continue drinking clear fluids until bedtime.

The Day of Examination

1. Three (3) hours prior to leaving for your appointment, mix **one** 119 gram bottle of MiraLax in 32 oz. of Gatorade, G2 or Powerade.
2. Drink 1 (one) 8 oz. glass of the MiraLax/Gatorade solution every 15 minutes until the solution is gone. (Four 8 oz. glasses in 1 hour).
3. Clear liquids and oral medications may be ingested until 2 hours prior to your scheduled procedure time. No solid food, no milk or milk products allowed.
4. Appear for examination as scheduled.

Note: Plan to have a bathroom or commode very accessible.

If you have any questions as you proceed with the laxative preparation for your colonoscopy, please call our office to speak with the physician on call.

CLEAR LIQUID DIET

Only These Liquids Are Allowed:

Soups:	Bouillon, broth (including chicken, turkey, & beef), consommé.
Beverages:	Tea, coffee, decaffeinated coffee, Kool-Aid, carbonated beverages, including sodas (dark colored colas & root beer are allowed), flavored seltzers, Gatorade, Crystal Light.
Juices:	Apple, white grape, grapefruit, lemonade, limeade, and orange juice (juices should have no pulp).
Desserts:	Jell-O, water ices, sorbet, iced popsicles.
Miscellaneous:	Sugar, salt, hard candy.

Note: Please avoid red, maroon or purple colored liquids, as these can be mistaken for blood during the course of your bowel prep. Please do not add milk or cream to any beverages, including coffee or tea.

Recipe for High caloric Lemonade (240 calories per 8 ounce cup):

Lemon juice – 2 ounces or ¼ cup

Corn Syrup – 10 to 12 ounces or approximately 1 to 1-1/2 cups

Water to make 1 quart

Please Check Any/All Problems That YOU Have Currently Or Have A PERSONAL History of.

Gastrointestinal No Problems

Current	History Of	
		Colon Cancer
		Colon Polyps
		Family History Colon Cancer
		Family History Colon Polyps
		Hemorrhoids
		Rectal Bleeding
		Black Stools
		Occult(hidden) Blood Stool
		Ulcerative Colitis
		Crohn's Disease
		Excessive Gas
		Diarrhea
		Constipation
		Irritable Bowel Syndrome
		Diverticulosis/itis
		Hernia: Location: _____
		Ostomy
		Reflux/Heartburn
		Difficulty Swallowing
		Barrett's Esophagus
		Nausea
		Vomiting
		Abdominal Pain
		Hiatal Hernia
		Liver Disease
		Hepatitis
		Yellow Jaundice
		Gallbladder Disease
		Other: _____

Neurological No Problems

Current	History Of	
		Seizures/Epilepsy
		Migraines
		Psychological or Mental Illness
		Chronic Pain
		Numbness
		Weakness Right / Left
		Tremors Right / Left

Circulatory No Problems

Current	History Of	
		Chest Pain
		Low Blood Pressure
		High Blood Pressure
		Mitral Valve Prolapse
		Pacemaker
		Heart Valve Replacement
		Heart Attack
		Heart Murmur
		Stroke (TIA,CVA)
		Irregular Heart Beat
		History Rheumatic Fever
		Prolonged Bleeding from Cut
		Coronary Artery Bypass Surgery
		Coronary Artery Stent Placement
		"Blood Clots" DVT/PE (Deep Vein Thrombosis/Pulmonary Embolus)
		Angioplasty
		Atrial Fibrillation
		Palpitations
		Other: _____

Respiratory No Problems

Current	History Of	
		Cough
		Smoker
		Asthma
		Tuberculosis
		Wheezing
		Shortness of Breath
		Pneumonia
		Emphysema / COPD
		Sleep Apnea
		Have you been tested? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
		Inhaler (with you <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No)
		Skin Test \
		<input type="checkbox"/> Positive <input type="checkbox"/> Negative
		Other: _____

Metabolic/Endocrine No Problems

Current	History Of	
		Diabetes
		__Oral Agent__Insulin
		Low Blood Sugar
		Thyroid Disease
		Other: _____

Miscellaneous No Problems

Current	History Of	
		Arthritis
		Kidney Disease/Renal Failure
		Joint Replacement (hip, knee)
		Radiation Therapy
		Bleeding Problems/Anemia
		Previous Blood Transfusions
		Spinal/Back Problems
		Glaucoma
		Possibly Pregnant
		Last Period Date: _____
		Dislocated Jaw
		Last Prostate Exam: _____
		TMJ
		Cancer of any kind: _____

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IMPLANTS: (eye, hip, pacemaker, access devices, pain control devices)

No Yes If yes, describe implant and its location: _____

Dentures: No Yes Upper Lower

Glasses: No Yes

Hearing Aid(s): No Yes Left Right

PSYCHOSOCIAL:

Are there spiritual, cultural, special practices or needs that we should be aware of during your care?

(ex: meditation, complementary therapies, sleep pattern, dietary) No Yes

If yes, describe: _____

Is there any way we can help with these? _____

Do you have any concerns related to today's procedure outcome? No Yes

If yes, please describe: _____

Do you smoke? No Yes, how much? _____

Do you drink alcohol? No Yes, how much? _____

Do you use street drugs? No Yes, how much? _____

Do you drink coffee? No Yes, how much? _____

Have you experienced an unintended weight change of more than 10 pounds in the past six months?

No Yes If yes, how much? _____

ASSESSMENT:

Have you had recent tests, x-rays, MRI's, CT scans, or other tests related to today's procedure? No Yes

If yes, which tests: _____

Where: _____ When: _____

Have you experienced any problems/complications with prior surgeries, related to **anesthetics** or **conscious sedation**?

No Yes If yes, describe: _____

FUNCTIONAL ASSESSMENT:

Problems with walking, eating, dressing self, bathing, toileting? No Yes

Have you had any recent/significant change in swallowing? No Yes

Have you had any recent/significant change in caring for yourself or performing your ADL's (ex: dressing yourself, bathing, toileting)? No Yes

Have you lost your ability to walk and/or mobilize yourself? No Yes

PREVIOUS SURGERIES/ HOSPITALIZATIONS

Description	Date	Location	Doctor

DO YOU HAVE ADVANCE DIRECTIVES? NO [] YES [] IF YES *PLEASE BRING A COPY WITH YOU TO YOUR EXAM*

Living Will

Health Care Proxy

PATIENT SIGNATURE

RN Signature

MD Signature

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STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE

Since you will be given a sedative for this examination, **YOU MUST HAVE** a responsible adult (18yrs or older) to take you home and accompany you into your residence. As well, you must have a responsible adult (18yrs or older) stay with you for the next 24 hours. You should plan on limiting your activity and resting at home for the remainder of the day. You must not drive a motor vehicle or operate machinery for the next 24 hours. If there is a problem with these arrangements, please inform this office to allow for rescheduling of your procedure. Sedation for your procedure cannot be administered, and the **PROCEDURE MAY BE CANCELLED** unless these arrangements are complete.

Name of Responsible Adult (at least 18yrs old) driving you home

Responsible Adult (at least 18yrs old) staying with you for the next 24 hours:

Patient Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Authorization for Follow Up Communication

I am aware that I will be contacted after my procedure by the Endoscopy Center to follow up on my recovery. Within 3 days after the procedure I would like to be called at this phone # _____

If I am unavailable, I give permission to leave a message Yes No

As part of NGI ongoing effort to assure excellent quality care, I understand I will receive a survey approximately 30 days after the procedure to address my overall satisfaction with the experience and assure no complications have arisen.

Patient Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

There are multiple charges you will incur when having a procedure performed. The physician performing your procedure will have a charge, the facility where you have your procedure performed will have a facility charge and if you have a biopsy taken or polyp removed there will also be a fee for pathology services. Most patients will undergo conscious sedation which is given by our physicians and included in the physician charge, but if you are scheduled for anesthesiologist assisted sedation, there will also be a charge for the anesthesiologist.

The Physicians of Gastroenterology Associates of Northern New York, P.C. participate with the following insurance plans:

Aetna
Blue Shield of Northeastern New York
CDPHP
Emblem Health (GHI)
Empire Blue Cross
Fidelis
Magnacare (Health Republic)
Martins Point
Medicare
MVP
New York State Empire Plan
New York State Medicaid
Shared Health Network

If your insurance plan is not listed above, please call our billing office at 793-5034 to discuss your insurance coverage and financial responsibility.

You will need to contact the facility where you are scheduled for your procedure to discuss whether they participate with your insurance company. They will also be able to answer questions about the pathology services. If you are scheduled for your procedure at Northern GI Endoscopy our billing office can help answer any insurance questions you may have regarding the facility fees or pathology fees.

Our physicians have privileges and perform procedures at Glens Falls Hospital, Saratoga Surgery Center and Northern GI Endoscopy.