

More Frequently Asked Questions: Endoscopy



How will the doctor help me get ready?

- The doctor will ask you to read a permission form for the test.
- She will discuss the information in the form with you.
- She will ask you to sign the form if you accept the information in it.
- She will spray medicine in your throat to make it numb.

How will the doctor do the test?

- The doctor will put a small tube into your mouth, down your throat, and into your stomach.
- She will look through the tube at your throat and stomach.
- She might perform tests on your throat and stomach.
- She will remove the tube and give you medicine if you need it.

How long will the test take?

- You will get ready for about 1 hour.
- The test will take about 15 to 30 minutes.
- You will rest for about 1 hour after the test.
- You will be at the clinic for about 3 hours.

How will I feel after the test?

- You will feel sleepy and relaxed.
- You will not feel pain but your throat might feel sore for a while.

What can go wrong?

- The test is safe and problems are rare.
- Throat and stomach tears happen rarely, but most heal or they might need repair.
- Bleeding happens rarely, but you might need a transfusion if you bleed a lot.

What should I do after the test?

- You should rest in the recovery room for at least one hour or until you feel awake.
- You should talk with the doctor about the test results.
- You should leave with the person who brought you to the clinic.
- You should wait until the next day to make important decisions or exercise.
- You should call the doctor's office the next day to talk with the staff.

What should I do if I have other questions?

- Call Doctor XX's office at XXX-XXX-XXXX if you have questions about the test, the cost, the bills, or the insurance.
- Call Doctor XX's office if you have other questions before or after the test.

What other things do I need to know?

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