

ENDOSCOPIC RETROGRADE CHOLANGIOPANCREATOGRAPHY

Please report to the Admitting Department at _____ a.m./p.m. on _____.

Procedure time: _____ a.m./p.m. Location: _____.
Plan to be there 2 to 3 hours.

Endoscopic retrograde cholangiopancreatography (ERCP) is a specialized technique used to study the ducts (drainage routes) of the gallbladder, pancreas and liver. The principal risks of ERCP are perforation, bleeding, pancreatitis and cholangitis. The complication rate varies from 5 percent to 15 percent. Most complications are minor and self-limiting and are treated supportively. Occasionally surgery is necessary to treat a complication. Rarely, death from a complication has been reported. Pancreatitis may be severe and treatment could require prolonged hospitalization of several weeks or more. Immediately prior to the passage of the instrument, you may be given intravenous Demerol and Versed. If you are **ALLERGIC** to **DEMEROL, VERSED or LATEX**, please be certain you have notified the office.

Do not take the following medications for 7 days prior to procedure: aspirin, Excedrin, nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drugs (e.g. Motrin, Advil, Aleve, Daypro, Voltaren, ibuprofen, Feldene, Clinoril Naprosyn, etc.), ginkgo biloba, garlic, glucosamine, vitamin E. (Tylenol, Celebrex or Vioxx are permissible.) If you are taking blood thinners (e.g. Aggrenox, Plavix, Lovenox, Ticlid or Coumadin), please be certain you have notified the office.

Someone **MUST** remain at the facility with you during the procedure and **drive you home** afterward. You may **NOT** resume driving or operate heavy equipment for the rest of the day.

1. Please read the enclosed pamphlet.
2. You will need blood tests done on _____ at _____.
3. No solid food after midnight prior to the procedure.
4. You may have any of the following liquids up to 6 hours prior to the procedure: Water, apple juice, white grape juice, clear pop, bouillon, tea and clear Jell-O.
5. **Diabetics:** Please check your blood sugar, if able, and take this information with you to the hospital/surgery center. **Do not take** your insulin. **Do not take** your diabetic pills. **Bring all of your insulin** with you to the procedure.
6. Take your morning medications at 6:00 a.m. with a sip of water.