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Gastroenterology

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ERCP (Endoscopic Retrograde Cholangiopancreatograpy)

Thank you for choosing us to perform your procedure. Please carefully read the following packet of information. If you have questions, please contact our office at (801) 408-7500, option 3 and ask to speak to our nurse, or your doctor's medical assistant. If you need to cancel or reschedule we require a 48hrs notice.

Your procedure is scheduled on	at	with Dr. Darcie Gorman, Dr.
Melvin Kuwahara, Dr. Joseph Merrill, or Dr.	Dan Collins	
Please arrive at LDS Hospital at HOUR before your procedure time.		for check-in. You need to check in ONE

Endoscopic Retrograde Cholangiopancreatograpy (ERCP) is used to diagnose problems in the liver, gallbladder, bile ducts and pancreas. ERCP is used primarily to diagnose and treat conditions of the bile ducts, including gallstones, inflammatory strictures (scars), leaks (from trauma and surgery), and cancer.

ERCP combines the use of x-ray and endoscope (which is a long, flexible lighted tube). Through the endoscope your physician can inject dye into the bile ducts and pancreatic duct so they can be seen on X-rays. Using special equipment he can remove stones or "sludge" and take biopsies. A stent may be placed if there is a stricture or blockage (sludge) in the duct. A small brush may be used to obtain samples as well. Strictures may also be dilated with special balloons, if needed. A "spy glass", a very small camera that is able to go inside the ducts for direct visualization, as well as obtaining biopsies, may be used during your procedure.

How long will the procedure take?

• An ERCP can take anywhere from 30 minutes to 2 hours depending on what is found during the scope.

What preparation is needed for an ERCP?

You must have NOTHING to eat or drink for 8hrs prior to procedure.

Will my insurance company pay for my Upper Endoscopy?

Please call your insurance company prior to your procedure to see what portion of the
procedure you may be financially responsible for. Any charges not covered by your insurance
will be your responsibility.

Medication Precautions

• Blood thinning medications need to be adjusted prior to your procedure, please call the nurse at the office to discuss. Antibiotics are not usually required prior to your procedure unless you procedure is going to include laser lithotripsy (breaking up stones into smaller pieces).

What are the risks of an ERCP?

- Perforation, which is where the scope would make a hole in the esophagus, stomach or duodenum. This requires immediate surgery and may cause a systemic infection, organ failure, and could potentially lead to a fatal outcome.
- Side effects of the sedation medication can include decreased respirations and heart arrhythmias.
- Infection or bleeding if tissue samples are taken.
- Pancreatitis, which is a painful condition that may require hospitalization and treatment for other conditions related to pancreatitis.

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Would you like more information or assistance?

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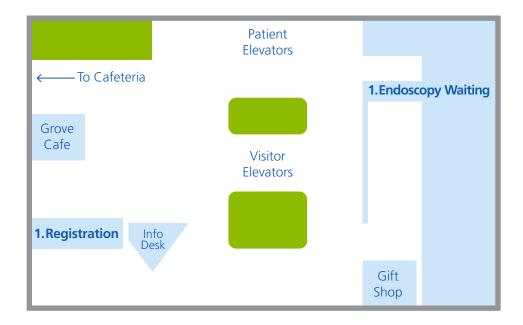
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LDS HOSPITAL ENDOSCOPY

- 1. Check in at Registration
- 2. Check in at Endoscopy waiting area with receptionist



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