

# Propofol Administration

## ATTENTION

You will automatically be receiving **PROPOFOL** (deep sedation) for your procedure. It is **REQUIRED** by the anesthesiologist that someone accompany you to your appointment, stay with you throughout your procedure and take you home.

Advantages of Propofol sedation are:

- Minimal to no awareness of the procedure.
- Post-procedure recovery will be approximately 30 minutes.
- Most will not be nauseated.
- Most will return to eating quickly.
- Most will be able to transfer from car to home easily.
- Rapid transition from post-procedure period to normal daily functioning.

PROPOFOL will be administered by an anesthesiologist from American Anesthesiology 704-377-5772. Their charges will be processed through your insurance along with those from your physician's office, Carolinas Pathology and Carolinas Gastroenterology Center.

An alternate sedation such as DEMEROL/VERSED OR FENTANYL/VERSED is available upon request. This sedation is typically administered by a nurse assisting the gastroenterologist. **PLEASE NOTE THIS SEDATION WILL BE GIVEN ON A CASE BY CASE BASIS.**

### IMPORTANT BILLING INFORMATION

- Although we will obtain prior authorization for your procedure, we ask that you contact your insurance company to verify exactly what is covered under your policy. This allows you, as a patient, to be aware of any out-of-pocket expenses you may incur.
- **The CPT code for a screening colonoscopy is 45378.** Routine/screening procedures may change to diagnostic procedures if biopsies are taken and/or polyps are removed.
- **The CPT code for an EGD may be 43235, 43239, or 43249.**
- If you are having a diagnostic procedure, you will need to know what your diagnostic benefits are.
- If you are receiving anesthesia (**PROPOFOL**) ask your insurance if this will be covered. **The billing code is 00810.**
- The doctor's office and surgical center **must** be notified of any changes in insurance plans as your insurance may require pre-authorization to be a covered benefit. Please be aware, **YOUR FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY MAY BE GREATER THAN YOUR REGULAR CO-PAY AT THE DOCTOR'S OFFICE.**

Please feel free to contact our office with any further questions regarding your procedure.

704-512-2140