



Carolinah HealthCare System
Mecklenburg Medical Group

ATTENTION
ANESTHESIA/BILLING

You will automatically be receiving **PROPOFOL (deep sedation)** for your procedure. The Anesthesiologist requires someone to accompany you to your appointment, stay with you 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 Southeast 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 the patient, to be aware of any out of pocket expenses you may incur.
- The CPT codes for a colonoscopy may be 45378, 45380 or 45385, Routine/screening procedures may change to diagnostic procedures if biopsies are taken and/or polyps are removed.
- The initial diagnostic code for your colonoscopy is: _____.
- The CPT codes for an Upper Endoscopy (EGD) may be 43235, 43239 or 43249.
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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 (704-302-8220) and surgical center (704-512-2140) **must** be notified of any changes in insurance plans as your insurance may require pre-authorization to be a covered benefit.

Please note: **Your financial responsibility may be greater than your regular co-pay**

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