ENDOSCOPY SERVICES

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WELCOME

We are pleased that you have chosen Ohio Valley Surgical Hospital for your endoscopy procedure and are confident that you will have the very best endoscopy experience possible.

Ohio Valley Surgical Hospital offers:
- State-of-the-art medical equipment
- Highly-skilled, caring and friendly staff
- A comfortable, welcoming facility
- The latest advances in surgical and anesthesia procedures and services

Your Endoscopy Procedure

An endoscopy procedure will allow your physician to visually inspect your gastrointestinal tract. Upper endoscopy (also known as EGD) includes visualization of the esophagus (swallowing tube), stomach, and duodenum (first portion of the small intestine). Lower endoscopy is visualization of the colon (large bowel).

Your physician will give you medication through an I.V. to keep you more comfortable during the procedure. A variety of instruments can be passed through the endoscope that allow the physician to stretch narrowed areas, take tissue biopsies and remove polyps.

Preparing For Endoscopy

Your physician will discuss your endoscopy procedure with you during your office visit. Your endoscopy appointment will be scheduled at that time. Therefore, it is best to inform your physician of your current medications, allergies, including latex allergies or sensitivity and existing medical conditions at that time.

You will receive a phone call from a member of our nursing staff to obtain a basic health history and to review your preprocedure instructions. Or, you may call us at 937-521-3931 to receive your instructions.

It is very important that you speak with someone from Ohio Valley prior to the date of your endoscopy procedure. If you have had any preprocedure tests or a history and physical performed within 30 days prior to your endoscopy, please ask your physician to fax the reports to our Endoscopy Department at 937-521-3910 before the date of your procedure.

Your Endoscopy Procedure

If you do not follow these guidelines, your endoscopy may have to be delayed or cancelled.

- Make arrangements for a responsible adult to drive you home after your endoscopy procedure and stay with you for 24 hours after your procedure.
- Do not eat or drink anything after midnight the night before your endoscopy unless your doctor instructs otherwise. This includes foods, liquids, water, candy, gum, and breath mints.
- Follow your physician’s instructions regarding the bowel prep routine for examination of your colon (large bowel).
- Do not smoke or use any tobacco products after midnight the night before your procedure.
- Do not drink alcohol for 24 hours before or after your endoscopy procedure.
- You may brush your teeth or rinse your mouth the day of your procedure, provided nothing is swallowed.

Medications

- If you take insulin or any other routine medication, your physician or our Endoscopy nurses will tell you how to take your medication the day of the endoscopy.
- If you take a blood thinner (such as Coumadin, aspirin, Plavix, Pradaxa, Xarelto etc.), please notify your physician when scheduling your procedure.
- You should take your normal heart, blood pressure, breathing, or seizure medication the morning of your endoscopy with a small sip of water.
- Advise your physician if you have any medical condition that warrants preprocedure antibiotic prophylaxis.

Failure to follow these instructions can cause serious complications.

The Day Of Endoscopy

If you are unable to keep your appointment or you are delayed, please contact Ohio Valley immediately and also notify your physician’s office.

- Do not wear any jewelry or bring any valuables with you the day of your procedure.
- Bring your driver’s license/identification card and health insurance cards/forms with you.
- Depending on your insurance, you may also be asked to bring your copay, coinsurance, or deductible.
- Do not wear any make-up.
- Choose low-heeled shoes and loose, comfortable clothing which is easy to put on, take off and can be easily folded.
- Please review the Patient’s Rights and Responsibilities which are located at the reception desk as well as on our web site www.ovsurgical.com

During your preprocedure interview, you will be instructed about what time to arrive at Ohio Valley. Please check in at the front desk upon arrival to register. A nurse will escort you into the preprocedure area where your vital signs will be taken. You will be asked to change into a gown provided by Ohio Valley. Your physician will talk with you before you are given sedation.

After your procedure is completed, you will be moved to a recovery area until you are ready to go home. Here you will be offered something to drink (please do not bring food from home). You may be surprised at how quickly you feel ready to leave. Children must not be left unattended in the waiting room and will not be permitted in restricted areas for their own safety and the safety of our patients. If you choose to bring children to the hospital, please be sure that they have adequate supervision.

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One of the many physicians providing outstanding care at Ohio Valley.

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About Your Bill

If you have given complete and accurate insurance information to your surgeon’s office, our business office staff will call your insurance company prior to surgery to verify your medical benefits for our facility charge. We will secure any information regarding copayments, coinsurance, and/or deductible amounts that will be your responsibility. Payment of your share of charges is expected in full at the time you register.

You will receive a bill for the services provided by Ohio Valley. This covers your preoperative evaluation, most supplies and medications, equipment, personnel, and use of the operating and recovery rooms.

If you do not have insurance or if your insurance does not cover the procedure to be performed, please make arrangements to pay the Ohio Valley facility fee on the day of your surgery. Special prior financial arrangements can be made with our business office.

For your convenience, we accept cash, personal checks, VISA, MasterCard, Discover, American Express and Care Credit.

In addition to our bill for the facility fee, you may receive separate bills for the following services:

- Your physician
- Anesthesia, a nurse anesthetist or an anesthesiologist assistant will monitor you during the procedure
- Pathology, a pathologist will evaluate any specimens removed during surgery

Any questions regarding these services should be directed to the billing offices of the appropriate provider.

Our billing office staff will be happy to answer any questions you may have regarding insurance coverage or billing procedures if you call 937-521-3943.

After You Leave Ohio Valley

In most cases, depending on your procedure, you will be ready for discharge in 30 - 60 minutes following the completion of your endoscopy procedure. You will be given specific instructions from your physician and nurse regarding your care prior to discharge from Ohio Valley.

For your comfort and safety, we remind you of the following:

- Have someone stay with you the day of your procedure.
- You may return to your normal routine activities the day following your endoscopy.
- You may experience some dizziness, sleepiness, or short-term memory loss due to the sedation used.
- You may experience mild cramping or bloating due to the air introduced into the stomach and/or colon during your examination.
- Follow your physician’s instructions regarding diet, rest and medication.
- Do not drive, operate heavy machinery or power tools, cook, drink alcoholic beverages, make legal decisions, or take any medications not prescribed by your physician for at least 24 hours after your endoscopy.
- Contact your physician if you feel you are having problems after discharge. If you cannot contact your doctor, but feel your concern warrant a doctor’s attention, call or go to the emergency room closest to you. Abnormal symptoms to report would include fever and chill, severe abdominal pain, vomiting blood, or passing large amounts of blood rectally.
- It is very important to remember— you must have someone drive you home after the procedure and stay with you the remainder of the day.

Participating In Our Patient Survey

Before you leave Ohio Valley, you may receive a copy of our Patient Satisfaction Survey. Your comments and suggestions are very important to us and will help us to improve the service we provide to our future patients and their families. Please take a moment to fill out this short survey and return it in the postage-paid envelope.

If you have concerns or questions regarding your care at Ohio Valley Surgical Hospital, please feel free to contact the Administrator at 937-521-3900.