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  **PREPARATION FOR UPPER ENDOSCOPY
 (EGD) OR ERCP**

1.  You must have someone with a driver’s license accompany you, you can NOT drive.

**2.  For** **seven days before the procedure:** No aspirin (or aspirin products), anti-inflammatory products (such as Advil, Motrin, Ibuprofen, Aleve, Nsaids ) or Iron. **Also Coumadin, (Warfarin), Plavix or other blood thinners should be stopped**. However if you take Aspirin, Plavix, Coumadin, or other blood thinners for a medical problem, please check with your prescribing physician to confirm that is safe to stop taking these medications prior to the examination.
\* ASK YOUR PRESCRIBING PHYSICIAN IF YOU ARE UNSURE.
\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*Tylenol may be used for pain relief during this time.

**TAKE OTHER MEDICATION AS PRESCRIBED WITH A SMALL SIP OF WATER THE MORNING OF THE PROCEDURE.**

contact your prescribing physician before resuming blood thinners.

Please remove jewelry and fingernail polish before your procedure.

Do not take antacids for at least six hours before the procedure.

If you take insulin, give yourself half the usual dose, the morning of the procedure.

**3.  Have nothing to eat or drink after midnight the night before.**

NO TAXI(S) OR BUSSES - YOU MUST BE SIGNED OUT TO A RESPONSIBLE PARTY.

**Appointment times may not be exact. Please anticipate a three to four hour wait as delays may occur due to emergencies. Although rare, delays such as the above happen from time to time. The Hospital Calls on the day before the procedure to assign a time. If you need to contact them call 384-4438.**

**Thank you for your patientce and understanding.**

**PLEASE go to (LOCATION)**

**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_SENTARA HOSPITAL    1134 N. road St, Elizabeth City NC 27909**

**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_OFFICE   405 Hastings Lane,  Elizabeth City, NC 27909**

 **DATE FOR YOUR PROCEDURE. DATE:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

If you have any questions or have to cancel, please call us at 252-335-5588

\*\*please give 24 hours notice of any cancelation to avoid charges.