



Endoscopic retrograde cholangiopancreatography (ERCP) Instructions

Patient instructions:

1. Please arrive to the facility on an empty stomach. Nothing to eat or drink after midnight the day of procedure, including medications.
2. Be sure to have someone available to speak with the doctor and drive you home for the procedure. If you do not have a ride home the procedure will be cancelled.
3. **NO BLOOD THINNERS.** If you are taking Coumadin, please stop taking it **THREE** days before the procedure. Stop all other blood thinning medications **FIVE** days before the procedure. Blood thinners include: Plavix, Ticlid, Pentoxylone, Heparin, Lovenox, BC Powder, Goody's powder, Aspirin, Ibuprofen, Fish Oil, Omega 3's.

If you should have any questions regarding your instructions, please call our office at (813) 994-4800 during normal business hours.