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NAME: _____

DATE OF PROCEDURE: _____

ARRIVAL TIME: _____

PROCEDURE TIME: _____

Procedure Location: Southwest Integris Medical Center Check in at the Outpatient Entrance front desk

ERCP

Endoscopicretrogradecholangiopancreatography or ERCP is a procedure where a lighted tube is passed through the upper digestive tract to find the opening of the bile and pancreatic ducts. Once this opening has been located, a small catheter is passed into the opening and dye is injected, and x-rays are taken. ERCP is commonly used to evaluate diseases of the liver, gallbladder and biliary tree, and the pancreas.

Depending on each individual's problems, the procedure may end after the x-rays are taken or further treatment may be required, such as making a small cut in the opening with an electric wire, called a sphincterotomy, or placing a tube in the opening of the duct called a stent.

Complications are not common with this procedure however they do occur. They include inflammation of the pancreas called pancreatitis, infection, bleeding, and perforation of the intestine or bile duct. Complications may also occur related to the sedation used for the procedure.

You will be asked to sign a permit prior to the procedure, and you should be sure to bring someone with you who can drive you home. The medicine used during the procedure may make you drowsy and many people who have the ERCP do not remember having the procedure done.

Prior to the procedure, **you should have had nothing to eat or drink for at least six to eight hours** and you should be sure to let the nurses and the doctor know if any allergies and serious health problems you have. **If you do not bring someone with you, your procedure will not be done and will be rescheduled.**

If you take ASPIRIN, COUMADIN OR PLAVIX please notify your physician as soon as possible for further instructions on when to discontinue these medications prior to your procedure.

NOTE: Be sure to notify your doctor of any of the following:

- If you have heart valve disease or an artificial valve;
- If you have had rheumatic fever; or
- If you have had hepatitis or AIDS

IF YOU TAKE INSULIN OR DIABETIC MEDICINE, DO NOT TAKE IT THE DAY OF YOUR PROCEDURE. YOU MAY TAKE IT AFTER YOUR PROCEDURE. IF YOU TAKE BLOOD PRESSURE OR ANY HEART MEDICINES, TAKE WITH A SIP OF WATER.