

Colonoscopy - General Surgery

Indications

Screening (*patients should be sent to the SCF screening program*)

Diagnostic

- Rectal Bleeding (patients <25 YO may have an alternative W/U)
 - Iron deficiency anemia (describe anemia)
 - Patient with an abnormal BE showing a filling defect or otherwise consistent with cancer
- Diarrhea and pain are not generally indications for colonoscopy Please call surgeon on call to discuss case**

Pertinent History

Patient is a candidate for conscious sedation	YES	NO
Patient can tolerate prep as an out-patient	YES	NO
Patent is not on anticoagulants (NSAID) and Plavex should be stopped 14 days prior to procedure	YES	NO
Patient desires procedure in the next 4 weeks	YES	NO

If any of the above are NO call the surgeon on Please call to discuss case

Patinet information

- At the surgery appointment the patient will see the surgeon to go over the procedure and receive informed consent
- The Colonoscopy will be scheduled at a latter date
- The patient does not need to be NPO or on any special diet or prep for the evaluation appointment. Any prep will be given to the patient at the surgery evaluation
- Colonoscopy is an outpatient procedure and the patient will need to have an escort to take them home on the day of the colonoscopy
- Plavex and (NSAID) should be stopped 14 days prior to colonoscopy