



Oconee Memorial Hospital

Endoscopy Services: What You Need to Know

You are scheduled for an endoscopy:

Date: _____

Time: _____

Location: Endoscopy Services, 1st Floor, Oconee Memorial Hospital

What is an endoscopy?

In an endoscopy, a doctor uses a flexible tube with a small camera to examine the inside of your body.

How do I prepare for it?

- Follow your doctor’s instructions carefully. This may include fasting and/or stopping other medications.
- You will not be able to drive yourself home afterward. Please have an adult friend or family member drive you to and from the procedure and be there to receive instructions about your care.
- If you have an advanced directive, living will or healthcare power of attorney, please bring it with you the day of the procedure.
- Know and list all medications you are taking, including over-the-counter medications, vitamins, herbs and supplements.
- Tell your doctor about any allergies to medications, anesthetics or foods.

What happens during an endoscopy?

Once you arrive, a nurse will perform a short physical assessment, take your vital signs and start an IV (intravenous) line.

During the procedure, you will be connected to a monitor so that your vital signs can be constantly monitored. Your doctor may give you medication to help you relax beforehand.

Your time in the procedure room will vary if additional tests or biopsies are needed. You then will be taken to the recovery area, where you will be monitored until you can go home. One visitor will be allowed in the recovery area.

An endoscopy nurse will call you the next business day to answer questions and make sure you are not having any problems.

*Thank you for choosing Oconee Memorial Hospital for your endoscopy. We strive to provide excellent care and quality. If you have any questions or comments about your procedure, please call us at **(864) 885-7495**.*