# ph-Bravo-Probe and Esophageal-Motility Prep Instructions PLEASE READ THESE CAREFULLY

#### **5 DAYS PRIOR TO YOUR EXAM:**

- Ideally, anti-clotting medications are stopped 5 days prior to your endoscopy to reduce the risk of bleeding (i.e. to avoid nose bleeds etc.) during or after your procedure. If you take anti-clotting medications such as **Coumadin**, **Plavix**, **Pradaxa**, **Effient**, **Brilinta**, **or Xarelto**, then please discuss these medications with the prescribing physician (i.e. cardiologist, neurologist, or primary care provider). You are on these medications for an important clinical reason (i.e. heart disease, cardiac stent, atrial fibrillation, stroke, mechanical heart valve, history of blood clots). **Please let us know if you are not allowed to stop these medications** or if you are advised to use Lovenox or Heparin prior to your procedure.
- If you have diabetes, your primary care provider will advise you how to manage your medications prior to the procedure (e.g. insulin), as you will have to be fasting.

#### MEDICATIONS TO DISCONTINUE PRIOR TO PROCEDURE:

- Certain medications may affect esophageal motility and alter the study results.
- Call our office before adding any medications not previously discussed.

### A) - ESOPHAGEAL MOTILITY STUDY: (Dysphagia patients only)

- Calcium Channel Blockers discontinue for 2 days (unless for pre-Nissen surgery) (please review this with your PCP or cardiologist, as these are blood-pressure and cardiac medications and may potentially not be stopped): Dilacor, Cardizem, Calan, Norvasc, Procardia
- Inhalers: discontinue for 1 day (unless for pre-Nissen surgery evaluation): Proventil, Serevent

  OTHER MEDS TO STOP: Atrovent -2 days, Entex LA -2 days, Guaifenesin-2 days, Histussin-2 days, Lortab -1 days,
  Metoclopramide-3 days, Nitroglycerin-12 hours, Soma-3 days, Tylox-2 days

#### B) - pH-PROBE (BRAVO) PATIENTS:

- Unless otherwise specifically discussed with your provider please discontinue medications as per schedule below:
- Proton pump inhibitors discontinue for 7 days unless otherwise specifically instructed by your provider: Protonix, Prilosec, Prevacid, Nexium, Zegerid, Dexilant, Aciphex
- H2 Blockers discontinue for 4 days unless otherwise specifically instructed by your provider: Axid, Pepcid, Tagamet, Zantac
- Antacids discontinue for 1 day unless otherwise specifically instructed by your provider: Tums, Maalox, Rolaids

#### C) pH-PROBE CATHETER BASED IMPEDANCE MANOMETRY PATIENTS (ZEPHYR)

Please review with your provider whether the testing shall be done on medications vs. off medications (see above section B) and adjust accordingly.

## 1 DAY PRIOR TO YOUR EXAM:

• You may eat a regular dinner, **but stop eating solid foods after 7:00 pm**. Restrict your diet to clear liquids thereafter. No solid food until after the procedure. Stay hydrated!

#### THE DAY OF YOUR EXAM:

- Remember not to have any food until after your procedure!
- You may drink water until 4 hours prior to your procedure time.
- If you have diabetes, test your blood sugar before coming in for your exam and bring the reading with you. If you take oral medications for your diabetes, don't take them the morning of your procedure unless otherwise instructed by your doctor. If you take insulin, take only ½ of your usual morning dose and bring the insulin with you to the procedure.
- You may take your usual medications (i.e. for blood pressure). Any medications taken the day of your procedure may be taken with a small sip of water, **AT LEAST 4 HOURS PRIOR TO YOUR PROCEDURE TIME**.

You will not be sedated for a Motility or Zephyr (impedance Manometry study) and therefore won't need a designated driver. For the Bravo/EGD, please bring a designated driver, as you will be sedated/anesthetized for the exam. If you are planning to take a taxi home, then a friend or family member must accompany you. You may not drive for 12 hours after the procedure.

- You may be in the Endoscopy Lab for 2-3 hours. The staff will talk to you before and after the exam and will give you recommendations on diet, medication, follow up care, etc. Wear comfortable clothing; bring your glasses, hearing aids, insurance cards and completed information forms. Avoid bringing valuables. **We will expect payment of co-pays, coinsurance and deductibles at the time of service.**
- Additional information can be found at our website www.utahgastro.com.
- You may receive up to 4 separate bills: 1-Physician, 2-Facility, 3-Pathology, 4-Anesthesia

prior to your appointment. Enter through the canopied "Emergency" entrance on the north side of St. Mark's hospital. Wasatch Endoscopy

Center is the first door on your left.