



Open Access Endoscopy Referral Form

Patient Details							
Name:				Date of birth:			
Phone:	(H)	(W)		(M)			
Health Fund:				Member number:			
Medicare No:				Ref No:	Exp:		
Address:							
Reasons for Procedure:							
Medication:	Heparin		Insulin		Clopidogrel		Oral Hypoglycaemic
Tick if applicable	Warfarin		Other:				
(consultation may be required if the patient has significant co-morbid conditions)							
Referring Doctor Details							
Name:				Provider number:			
Address:							
Phone:				Fax			
Signed:				Referral date:			

Fax completed request form to (02) 6361-4418 or call (02) 6361 3654
Please include your contact phone numbers so we can contact you and your patient.

What happens next?

After faxing us this request form, we will contact you regarding the booking, and any bowel preparation that is required.

Preparation for Gastroscopy and Colonoscopy

Fasting before endoscopy

Do not eat or drink anything for 4 hours before the procedure

For colonoscopy: you need to purchase a bowel-preparation laxative and follow the instructions. We will instruct you with this. This laxative causes diarrhoea to clean out the bowel. Follow the instructions carefully. Drink plenty of water to prevent dehydration. Preparation begins 2 days before the procedure.

What to Bring

Relevant doctor letters, endoscopy reports and a list of your medications, list of drug allergies, private health insurance membership details and Medicare Card.

Where to Go

Endoscopy procedures are performed at 60-62 Mcnamara Str, Orange NSW 2800

Gastroscopy & Colonoscopy

- These procedures can take up to 30 minutes. You should not drive afterwards for the rest of the day. If you take public transport another adult should accompany you.
- You may be drowsy and unable to perform complex physical or mental tasks afterwards.
- Post procedure consultation
Sometimes the need for endoscopy is clear-cut and a consultation is not required. The endoscopy procedure will be discussed with you on the day of the procedure and the results will be discussed with you afterwards. Biopsy results will be mailed to your GP so visit your GP 1-2 weeks after the endoscopy. Your GP may prefer a consultation prior to the endoscopy
- If you have any serious medical conditions, a complex presentation or if you are uncertain if an endoscopy is required. You should discuss with your doctor what to do if you are on diabetes medication, warfarin or clopidogrel (Plavix, Iscover).

Complications from endoscopy are rare but if you develop unexplained fever, abdominal pain, passage of red or black blood in the bowel motions, you need to attend the hospital emergency department or contact your doctor. Visit <http://www.gesa.org.au/leaflets/colonoscopy.cfm> for more information on colonoscopy.