

Gastroenterology

Prep Instructions

Bravo pH Probe Placement via Upper Endoscopy (EGD)

Please read these instructions immediately

Please call the office located on 3 Green in the Guthrie Clinic at (570) 887-2852 **immediately** if **any** of the following apply:

- If you are pregnant, or think you may be pregnant.
- If you have a pacemaker, or implantable defibrillator.
- If you have a history of esophageal strictures, esophageal varicies, or esophageal obstructions.

Follow all of the instructions in this handout EXACTLY as they are written.

- You must have a driver 18 years of age or older with a valid driver's license for this procedure.
- You may not take public transportation unless accompanied by someone 18 years or older.
- If someone is picking you up, we must be able to contact them by **phone** to confirm **before** your procedure. We will not continue with your procedure until we talk to them.
- Please leave all valuables at home. However, please wear hearing aids (if needed) and comfortable, loose fitting clothing.
- The use of cell phones and tablets is allowed in the waiting area. However, cell phones and tablets are not allowed after you are brought into the patient care area for your procedure, and must be turned off until after discharge.

Diabetic Instructions

If you have diabetes –

If you take a pill to lower your sugar, **do not** take it on the day of your procedure.

If you are taking regular Insulin® or (NPH), **do not** take it on the day of your procedure.

If you are taking any other insulin preparation such as Lantus, Humalog, or 70/30 insulin: It is recommended you take a ½ dose the evening prior to your procedure and **no dose the day of your procedure.**

You will need a blend of products with and without sugar on hand at home to keep your blood glucose in balance during the preparation period (see clear liquids list).



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The purpose of a Bravo pH study is to monitor the frequency and duration of gastric reflux during a normal day. To get the most accurate results, you must eat, drink, work and exercise as you normally would.

Do not take any antacid or anti-reflux medications during your study unless you have been advised to do so by your physician. Please contact your physician if you are uncertain about this.

Keeping track of events during your study is important. You will be provided with a Bravo pH Patient Diary on the day of your procedure and you will be instructed to track events such as: food/fluid intake (meals), sleep (or laying down), and symptoms (heartburn, regurgitation, chest pain, etc.)

5 DAYS before your procedure:

- **Coumadin (Warfarin):** If you use a blood thinner named Coumadin, Warfarin, or Jantoven you will need special instructions about stopping this drug before the procedure. ***Timing of this is very important.***
 - If you are followed by the Coumadin Clinic, please contact the Sayre Coumadin Clinic at 1-570-887-2200 for instructions before stopping, to see if they prefer that you use an alternative anticoagulant.
 - If you are NOT followed by the Coumadin Clinic, then please contact your prescribing physician for instructions.
- **Blood Thinners- Aggrenox, Arixtra, Brilinta, Effient, Eliquis, Plavix, Pletal, Pradaxa, Ticlid, Xarelto, or any blood thinner (anticoagulant) or anti-platelet drugs:** Most patients need to stop taking 5 days prior to procedure. Please speak with your prescribing physician before stopping this medication.
- **Aspirin or NSAID'S:** Do **NOT** need to be stopped prior to procedure.

On the day of your procedure:

- You must bring your driver with you, or have a phone number for the office to contact them. If you do not have either, your procedure will be canceled.
- Do not use breath mints or hard candy on the day of your appointment. You may brush your teeth.
- Do NOT eat any soft or solid food before your appointment time!
- **If your appointment is scheduled BEFORE noon:** Do NOT eat or drink ANYTHING after midnight the night before your appointment. If you eat or drink, your procedure will be canceled. This is for your safety and will reduce the risk of having food or liquid in your stomach move into your lungs (aspiration) during a procedure.
- **If your appointment is scheduled AFTER noon:** You may have clear liquids only until 10 a.m. If you drink or eat anything 2 hours before your appointment time, your procedure will be canceled. This is for your safety and will reduce the risk of having liquid in your stomach move into your lungs (aspiration) during a procedure.
- **Blood Pressure Medications (Beta-Blockers) and Pain Medications:** DO NOT take the morning of the procedure, but you may bring them with you to take after discharge if needed.
- **Inhalers:** Take as prescribed if needed in the morning. You may bring your inhaler with you to your appointment if you feel you may need it after discharge.
- Please see page 1 for diabetic instruction.
- Please bring with you: a list of your current medications, your insurance card, and your Photo ID.
- Leave all valuables at home.

You should plan on being at our facility for a minimum of 2-3 hours for your appointment. Please plan accordingly, as delays may occur.

After your procedure:

- You CAN NOT return to work or drive the same day of your procedure.
- Your examination results will be reviewed with you on discharge and information will be sent home with you. It is recommended to have someone present for discharge instructions.
- **Blood Thinners:** You will need special instructions to re-start these medications.
- You may have your normal diet.
- The day following your procedure you may resume normal activity (for example: you may return to work, and driving).

While the Bravo pH probe is in place over the following 48 hours after your procedure it is important to be aware of a few things:

1. During sleep keep the recorder on you. If you choose to remove it, it must be placed on a stable surface within arm's reach. If it is too far away, it will lose the ability to receive the signal from the probe in your esophagus to the recorder.
2. While bathing, please remove the recorder and place it on a dry and stable surface right outside your shower or tub. Please do not get the recorder wet! Again, the recorder must stay within an arm's reach to receive the signal correctly from the probe.
3. If the Bravo pH recorder is too far away from you, it will beep. Move the recorder closer to you until the beep stops. It must be within arm's length to receive the signal.
4. Please return the recorder and the paper diary to the Guthrie Sayre Endoscopy center located on 4 Red by 9 a.m. as instructed on the day of your procedure. If you are unable to return it yourself, another person can return it. If you are unable to return it by 9 a.m. contact 4 Red Endoscopy at 570-887-3450 as soon as possible.
5. Do not push any buttons on the recorder while it is in place.
6. Please be advised, due to the nature of the Bravo pH probe, you may not have an elective MRI for 30 days. GUTHRIE Radiology will be notified on the day of your procedure of this.
7. Several days after the test, the capsule in your esophagus will naturally fall off and safely pass through your digestive tract.
8. Mild chest discomfort can be noted while this probe is in place. This is normal to feel a vague sensation. If you experience this, please be sure to chew your food thoroughly during meals and increase drinking liquids to minimize this sensation.

<p>Contact Numbers: Sayre 4 Red Endoscopy: 570-887-3450 Big Flats: 607-795-5100 Corning: 607-973-8000 Ithaca: 607-257-5858 Troy: 570-297-2121</p>	<p>Allowed clear liquids:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Gatorade, Pedialyte, or Powerade• Coffee or tea (No milk or non-dairy creamer)• Carbonated and non-carbonated soft drinks	<p>Non-clear liquids – Not allowed</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Red or purple items of any kind• Alcohol• Milk or non-dairy creamers• Juice with pulp
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Kool-Aid or other fruit-flavored drinks• Apple juice, white cranberry juice, or white grape juice• Jell-O, popsicles• Chicken, beef, or vegetable broth	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Hard candy or gum• Any liquid you cannot see through
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Thank you for choosing Guthrie!