Upper Endoscopy Instructions

Nuvance Health Medical Practice Gastroenterology

**Blood thinners:** (If applicable) Please contact your prescribing physician two weeks before your procedure to ask how long you can be off your blood thinning medication(s) before your procedure.

**Insulin dependent diabetics:** (If applicable) Please contact your prescribing physician two weeks before your procedure for direction on insulin dosing for the procedure.

**DO NOT** take diabetic pills or diuretics (water pills) the morning of the procedure.

*If you’re on certain medications called GLP-1 antagonists, you will follow the below instructions for your upper endoscopy. GLP-1 antagonists include:*

- Dulaglutide (Trulicity)
- Exenatide extended release (Bydureon bcise)
- Exenatide (Byetta)
- Semaglutide (Ozempic)
- Liraglutide (Victoza, Saxenda)
- Lixisenatide (Adlyxin)
- Semaglutide (Rybelsus)

**GLP-1 Agonists:** Clear liquids ONLY the day before procedure. Patients taking GLP-1 agonists daily – Hold on the day of the procedure. Patients taking GLP-1 agonists weekly – Hold for 1 week prior to the procedure.

- **If your procedure is before NOON:** nothing by mouth after midnight the night before (Unless taking a GLP-1 agonist – Clear liquids ONLY the day before procedure)

- **If your procedure is after NOON:** drink clear liquids ONLY (up to 2 hours before arrival time). NO FOOD (Unless taking a GLP-1 agonist – Clear liquids ONLY the day before procedure)
  - Examples of clear liquids: Powerade, Gatorade, bouillon, broth, consommé, black tea, black coffee, apple juice, white grape juice, white cranberry juice, Crystal Light, water, Italian ice, popsicles, sorbet, or Jello. **Nothing red or purple. No milk or cream.**

You will need a responsible driver (18 years of age or older) to drive you home. No UBER or LYFT. You will not be allowed to drive yourself home.

Expect to be here for 90 minutes to 2 hours.
Nuvance Health Medical Practice Gastroenterology Locations

Connecticut

- Duracell Center for Ambulatory Surgery at Danbury Hospital
  24 Hospital Avenue, 4th Floor Strook, Danbury, CT (203) 739-7038

- Frank J. Kelly Medical Arts Center
  111 Osborne Street, 2nd Floor, Danbury, CT (203) 739-7038

- Danbury Surgical Center
  73 Sandpit Road, Danbury CT (203) 739-7038

- New Milford Hospital
  21 Elm St. 2nd Floor, New Milford, CT (203) 739-7038

- Norwalk Surgical Center
  40 Cross Street, Unit 120, Norwalk, CT (203) 852-2278

- Norwalk Hospital GI Lab,
  34 Maple Street, 5th Floor, Norwalk, CT 06850 (203) 852-2278

New York

- Putnam Hospital
  670 Stoneleigh Avenue, Carmel, NY (845) 876-3003

- Fishkill Asc.
  200 Westage Business Center Drive, Bldg C, 3rd floor, Suite 330 Fishkill, NY 12524 (845) 876-3003

- Vassar Brother’s Medical Center
  45 Reade Place Poughkeepsie, NY 12601 (845) 876-3003

- Northern Duchess Hospital
  6511 Springbrook Avenue Rhinebeck, NY 12572 (845) 876-3003