

UNDERSTANDING YOUR FINANCIAL OBLIGATIONS

Our physicians have scheduled you for an endoscopic procedure. This document explains your financial obligations. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact your care coordinator team at (678) 696-8966.

As a courtesy to our patients, our office will pre-certify procedures performed at Braselton Endoscopy Center, LLC and Gainesville Endoscopy Center, LLC with your insurance company. **However, this is not a guarantee of payment. It is your responsibility to verify benefits with your insurance company prior to having the procedure.** If you are having a colonoscopy for family history of colon cancer/polyps or personal history of colon cancer/polyps, you definitely need to verify coverage as all insurance plans process this diagnosis differently.

ENDOSCOPY:

If you are scheduled for an endoscopy, a physician in our group will perform it. You may receive several bills for this service:

- If your procedure is scheduled at Gainesville Endoscopy Center, LLC or Braselton Endoscopy Center, LLC, there will be a minimum of three charges associated with your procedure. After insurance determination you may receive a bill for the patient portion, as determined by your insurance. A bill from Gastroenterology Associates of Gainesville, PC for the physician charge, a bill from Gainesville Endoscopy Center, LLC or Braselton Endoscopy Center, LLC for the facility charge, and a bill from Gastroenterology Anesthesia Associates, LLC for the anesthesia charge. If polyps or biopsies are taken, you may also receive a bill for pathology services.
- If your procedure is scheduled at Northeast Georgia Health Systems or Habersham County Medical Center, you will receive a bill from Gastroenterology Associates of Gainesville, PC, for the physician charge. All other charges associated to the procedure will be handled by Northeast Georgia Health Systems or Habersham County Medical Center. The rendering hospital will submit a claim for the facility, anesthesia and possibly pathology. You may receive a bill for these services if they are not covered in full by your insurance carrier.

Your Care Coordinator will pre-certify procedures scheduled at Gainesville Endoscopy Center, LLC and Braselton Endoscopy Centers, LLC. If there is an upfront amount due for the facility portion, you will be notified of this amount owed via a phone call or letter. Otherwise, your insurance company will be billed and you will be billed for the remaining balance. **Please remember, we only collect upfront for the facility fees.** We will bill you after insurance has paid for all other services and fees.

Dr. Scott Clark, Dr. Sheraj Jacob, Dr. Vinayasekhara Reddy, Dr. John Kalarickal, Dr. Namita Pareek, Dr. Neeraj Sharma, Dr. Ankur Sheth, and Dr. Andrew Lake are the owners of Gainesville Endoscopy Center, LLC and Braselton Endoscopy Center, LLC. They have a financial interest in these facilities, if you wish to be scheduled at another location please inform our care coordinator team at the time of scheduling.

Please be sure to bring your Photo ID and insurance card(s) with you to these facilities. Be prepared to pay your deductible/co-pay/coinsurance (if applicable) prior to scheduling your procedure. Please arrive on time. Failure to do so may result in your procedure being rescheduled.