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ERCP / EUS

(Endoscopic Retrograde Cholangiopancreatography)

WHAT IS AN ERCP?

An ERCP is when a dye is injected into the bile and pancreatic ducts using a flexible, video endoscope. The endoscope is then gently inserted into the upper esophagus. A thin tube is inserted through the endoscope to the main bile duct entering the duodenum. Dye is then injected into the bile duct and/or the pancreatic duct and then x-rays are taken to outline the bile ducts and pancreas.

Prep Instructions

- If you are currently taking blood thinners (for irregular heartbeat, atrial fibrillation, heart disease, stents, stroke, mini-stroke, mechanical heart valves, blood clots in the legs or lungs, or other reason) you may need to stop them prior to your procedure. ***Please contact the physician who prescribed the medication for instructions on how to stop them.***

- If you are taking full dose aspirin (325mg), please contact your prescribing physician to see if this can be decreased to low dose aspirin (81mg***). Do not stop low dose Aspirin (81mg)***

- The following is not an all inclusive list.

❖ Plavix (clopidogrel bisulfate)
❖ Ticlid (ticlopidine hydrochloride)
❖ Coumadin (warfarin sodium)
❖ Pradaxa (dabigatran)
❖ Xarelto (rivaroxaban)
❖ Eliquis (apixaban)
❖ Persantine (dipyridamole)

❖ Effient (prasugrel)
❖ Arixtra (fondaparinux)
❖ Brilinta (ticagrelor)
❖ Lixiana/Saraysa (edoxaban)
❖ Lovenox (enoxaparin)
❖ Fragmin (dalteprin)
❖ Zontivity (vorapaxar)

ONE DAY BEFORE PROCEDURE:

1. Clear liquids starting @ noon the day prior
2. Nothing to eat or drink after midnight the night before

What to bring with you:

- Because you are receiving anesthesia, you cannot drive; you must be accompanied by an adult who must remain on the premises while you are having your procedure. Your procedure will be cancelled if you do not have a ride.
- A list of your current medications including the dosage and the times you take them, along with any drug allergies.
- Your driver's license and insurance cards.