



Diagnostic Bronchoscopy Education

Bronchoscopy

Your doctor has advised you that you need a bronchoscopy. This education guide will help communicate what will happen before, during and after your bronchoscopy. It was written to inform you about your test and answer the most frequently asked questions.

What is a bronchoscopy?

Bronchoscopy is a procedure that allows the doctor to view the inside of your windpipe and lungs. A thin tube with a camera on the end is inserted in your mouth and down into your lungs; allowing your doctor to view the images on a screen. Samples can also be taken if needed to test for abnormalities in an effort to provide the best diagnosis and treatment for you.

Preparation

You will receive a phone call reminding you of your procedure. Be sure to ask any questions when our staff calls. •

Inform your doctor prior to the procedure if you take medications that thin your blood.

- The following medications should be stopped.

Medicaon Name	S Medicaon on this Date	R Medicaon on this Date

What do I do before my procedure?

- Do not eat or drink anything after midnight the night before your procedure.
- Arrange for a responsible adult to drive you home after the procedure and stay with you for the next 24 hours.

Day of Procedure

What do I do the day of my procedure?

- Report to the hospital 2 hours prior to your scheduled procedure time and check in with our concierge. It is important to arrive on time to avoid having to reschedule.
- After checking in you will be taken to a Day Patient room where you will get ready for the procedure.
- A member of the Respiratory Therapy staff will come to your room and move you to the procedure room where your bronchoscopy will take place.
- Once the procedure is complete a nurse will oversee your recovery for a few hours after the procedure to ensure you are safe to go home.

