

Easy Access Colonoscopy

What is easy access colonoscopy?

Primary care providers can refer healthy, uncomplicated patients for colonoscopy by simply calling *Innovative Surgical Care* at 774-776-2991 and ask to direct book a colonoscopy.

What types of patients are appropriate for this service?

Patients with fecal occult blood, hematochezia, family history of colon and rectal cancer, and patients in need for routine screening are appropriate. Patients should be healthy enough to undergo sedation with Propofol.

What types of patients are not appropriate for this service?

Patients who require advice on whether or not they need a colonoscopy, patients with medical comorbidities putting them at moderate or high risk for sedation, patients who are unable to give consent or where there is a language barrier.

What happens after a patient is referred for easy access colonoscopy?

Our staff will contact the patient directly and ask a few simple questions about their overall health. The patient will be provided a brief explanation of the procedure and a prescription for the bowel preparation by mail. The patient will also be provided with information as to the time, date and place they should arrive for their examination. At that time, they will meet their endoscopist who will give a detailed description of and perform the procedure. After the procedure, the referring provider will be sent a letter with the results, pathology and recommendations for treatment and when the patient should have a repeat examination. If the referring provider is on the Foundation EMR, the preventative medicine section will be populated so the results and the date for the next colonoscopy will be in your patients chart next time you see them.

When should a colorectal surgeon perform a colonoscopy on my patient?

Patients with rectal bleeding or occult blood in the stool, patients in need of a routine screening colonoscopy, or any patient who is suspected of having colon or rectal cancer can have their colonoscopy performed by a colorectal surgeon. Patients with diarrhea, Crohn's disease or Ulcerative colitis or patients that may need an upper endoscopy as part of their workup should see a medical gastroenterologist. *If you have any further questions regarding whether your patient should see a Colorectal Surgeon or a Gastroenterologist, call our office and we can help make that determination.*

Call our office with any questions or concerns:

Innovative Surgical Care 774-776-2991