

What you need to know for your Radiology Procedure at Northeast Georgia Medical Center...

In order to make your experience as pleasant and quick as possible, please make note of the following instructions. If you have any questions or concerns, please call **770-219-1348** between the hours of **6:00 a.m.** and **5:00 p.m.** to speak to a nurse.

- ❖ If you are on blood thinners, please stop taking them on the days specified below:
 - **Coumadin** – **stop** taking **5-7** days prior to procedure
 - **Pradaxa** – **stop** taking **3** days prior to procedure
 - **Aggrenox** – **stop** taking **4** days prior to procedure
 - **Aspirin/Baby aspirin** – **stop** taking **4** days prior to procedure
 - **Plavix** – **stop** taking **7** days prior to procedure
- ❖ Your doctor may put you on Lovenox or Fragmin during those days you are not taking your usual blood thinner. If he or she does, **do not take them the day of the procedure.**
- ❖ The day prior to your procedure, **do not** eat or drink anything (except certain medications with sips of water) after midnight.
- ❖ Other Medications:
 - Medicines that you **SHOULD** take the morning of your procedure are any **blood pressure medications** that you normally take.
 - Medicines that you **may** take the morning of your procedure are any anxiety or pain medications and any other medications you normally take except diabetic medicines and blood thinners.
 - If you are taking metformin or Glucophage, please **stop this medication the day before your procedure, the day of, and the day after your procedure.**
 - Do **NOT** take any blood thinners or diabetic medications on the morning of your procedure.
 - Please bring all your medications with you to the hospital.
 - If you are unsure which medications you should take, please call 770-219-1348 between 6:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m to ask a nurse.
- ❖ You will be required to sign a consent when you come for your procedure. If you are unable to do that, please bring an appropriate family member that can sign for you.
- ❖ Please arrive one hour before your scheduled procedure time and plan on taking the entire day off for procedure, recovery and recuperation.
- ❖ Wear comfortable clothes and leave jewelry and valuables at home.
- ❖ Please make sure that you have a driver to drop you off and pick you up. Your procedure will not be started if you do not have a driver. The driver must be present before we can start.
- ❖ Please come to the **NORTH PATIENT TOWER** (the Downey Blvd entrance). Your driver may park in the North parking deck. Please proceed to the Registration area to the left once you enter the rotunda.

