

Colonoscopy Preparation Instructions

Diabetic Prep

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Location:

Vail Valley Surgery Center
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Date of your colonoscopy: _____

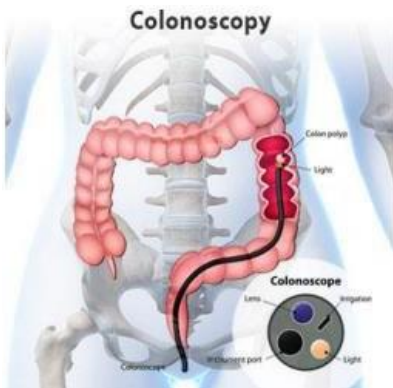
Appointment time: _____

Check-in time: _____

Doctor: _____

Please note, procedure time is subject to change up until the day before your scheduled procedure date.

Please read entire packet **TWO WEEKS** prior to procedure so you can prepare.



About Your Procedure

You are scheduled for a colonoscopy at Vail Valley Surgery Center. Your prep is one of the most important parts of your colonoscopy! Without a good prep, your gastroenterologist will not be able to see your colon clearly. This exam of the large intestine, or colon, is performed while using a flexible tube about the size of your ring finger. A tiny camera at the tip of the tube allows the doctor a live view of the colon. Your gastroenterologist will check your colon for any irritated tissues, or polyps. A good bowel prep is essential for an accurate and successful procedure. These instructions will help maximize the ease, safety and success of your preparation.

Colonoscopy Shopping List (no prescription needed)

- Miralax® (no generics)– 357g, or three (3)119g bottles



- Bisacodyl (Dulcolax) – four (4) 5mg tablets



- Gatorade ZERO or PowerAde ZERO – 96 oz

Can purchase any combo of sizes to get 96 oz. (Example: (4) four 24oz bottles, three (3) 32oz. bottles. You can also purchase (4) four 28oz. bottle and use 3 ½ bottles for mixture.)

NO flavors with red or purple coloring

OR you can buy **Electro Mix** three (3) packets – mixed with 96oz. of water

- Clear liquids of choice
(See list of approved clear liquids on page 5- **nothing red/purple**)



Diabetic Prep Info

- **Schedule the procedure early in the day if possible.** This way you can take your medications as close to the usual time as possible
- **Take ½ (half) of regular insulin dose the day before and morning of the procedure.**
- **Hold oral glucose medication the morning on the procedure.**
- **Please be sure to check your blood sugar at home.** Be sure to do this every meal, at bedtime, and in the morning before procedure. Test your blood sugar if you are feeling that you might be too high or low.
- **If you have a low blood sugar** during preparation or during procedure day, you can treat it with one of the following: ½ cup apple juice, ½ cup white grape juice, or 1 cup of real soda up until 3 hours before procedure start time. Test your blood sugar more times than usual during the day. If low blood sugar persists, contact your health provider for guidance.
- **On test day** you may have carbohydrate containing clear liquids (see page 6) until three (3) hours before procedure.

Examples of sugar containing clear liquids (or 15 grams of carbohydrate) to be used for meals or a snack:

apple or white grape juice ½ cup = 15 grams

- jello (non-diet) ½ cup = 20 grams
- popsicles ½ cup = 15 grams
- regular soda ½ cup = 15 grams
- Gatorade® 1 cup = 15 grams
- kool-aid ½ cup = 10 grams

Clear liquid food items that are sugar free:

- fat-free broth, bouillon, or consommé
- diet clear soda
- coffee or tea, unsweetened or diet
- seltzer and flavored water
- Resource® Breeze-10 gram protein drink

Important Information for Your Upcoming Procedure

- **Find a designated driver.** You'll need a family member or friend (18 or older) to come with you to your colonoscopy and drive you home. You may not go home alone, by taxi, or bus.
- **If you have an artificial heart valve, pacemaker, internal defibrillator, or a diagnosis of A-FIB,** please consult your cardiologist and our clinical team. A clearance may be required.
- **Have you had a joint replacement within the past 6 months?** Please consult with your surgeon regarding specific instructions.
- **Are you on blood thinners?** If you are taking any anticoagulants, call the doctor who prescribed the medication to get instructions on what to do prior to colonoscopy. **Don't stop taking blood thinners without talking to your doctor.** Please refer to the 7th page of this packet for greater detail.
- **Do you have diabetes or kidney disease?** If you are diabetic or have a history of kidney disease please notify our office, a different prep maybe recommended. These alternative preps include: Clenpiq, Suprep, or Nulytely. Please call (970)363-5376.

Tips for Your Bowel Preparation

- **To improve the taste of the bowel preparation, try:**
 - Chilling it before drinking
 - Using a straw
 - Licking a lemon or lime wedge between sips
- **Common symptoms you may experience**, that should decrease over the course of the bowel preparation: bloating, cramping, nausea or vomiting. If you do develop nausea or vomiting, this is normal, take about an hour break from drinking the solution before resuming.
- **To help avoid dehydration**, drink at least 64oz of clear liquids before starting bowel prep.
- **To help decrease perianal irritation**, consider using wet wipes and barrier cream (e.g., A&D, Desitin, or Vaseline)
- **Stay HYDRATED** during your prep. Continue the clear liquids throughout the day in addition to what you drink with your bowel prep medication to prevent dehydration.
- **Avoid drinking prep too quickly.** Follow instructions on page 6 and drink each 8oz dose of mixture slowly over the 15-minute time periods. This can help avoid discomfort and irritation.

Four Days Before Colonoscopy

(Example: If your procedure is scheduled for a Thursday. Then you will begin your prep on Sunday and continue through Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. Wednesday you would begin your clear liquid diet.)

- **Follow a low fiber diet-** Eat only low-fiber foods, listed below. Continue eating the low fiber diet until you begin the clear liquid diet one day before your colonoscopy.

TYPE OF FOOD OR DRINK	YES — OK to EAT THESE FOODS	NO — AVOID THESE FOODS
Milk and dairy 	OK to eat: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Milk • Cream • Hot chocolate • Buttermilk • Cream cheese <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Yogurt • Sour cream 	NO yogurt mixed with: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • nuts, seeds, granola • fruit with skin or seeds (such as berries) • Cheese, limit milk products to 2 cups per day

TYPE OF FOOD OR DRINK

YES — OK to EAT THESE FOODS

NO — AVOID THESE FOODS

Bread and grains



OK to eat:

- Breads and grains made with refined white flour (including rolls, muffins, bagels, pasta)
- White rice
- Plain crackers, such as Saltines
- Low-fiber cereal (including puffed rice, cream of wheat, corn flakes)

NO whole grains or high-fiber:

- Brown or wild rice
- Whole grain bread, rolls, pasta, or crackers
- Whole grain or high-fiber cereal (including granola, raisin bran, oatmeal)
- Bread or cereal with nuts or seeds

Meat



OK to eat:

- Chicken
- Turkey
- Lamb
- Lean pork
- Veal
- Fish and seafood
- Eggs
- Tofu

NO tough meat with gristle

- Raw clams, oysters, shellfish with tough connective tissue, ex. Shrimp.

Nuts, nut butter, seeds



OK to eat:

- Creamy (smooth) peanut or almond butter

NO nuts or seeds:

- Nuts including peanuts, almonds, walnuts
- Chunky nut butter
- Seeds such as fennel, sesame, pumpkin, sunflower

Fats and oils



OK to eat:

- Butter
- Margarine
- Vegetable and other oils
- Mayonnaise
- Salad dressings made without seeds or nuts

NO salad dressing made with seeds or nuts

Soups



OK to eat:

- Broth, bouillon, consomme, and strained soups
- Milk or cream-based soup, strained

No:

- Unstrained soups
- Chili
- Lentil soup
- Dried bean soup
- Corn soup
- Pea soup

TYPE OF FOOD OR DRINK

YES — OK to EAT THESE FOODS

NO — AVOID THESE FOODS

Legumes



None allowed

NO:

- Dried peas (including split or black-eyed)
- Dried beans (including kidney, pinto, garbanzo/chickpea)
- Lentils
- Any other legume

Fruits



OK to eat:

- Fruit juice without pulp
- Applesauce
- Ripe cantaloupe and honeydew
- Ripe, peeled apricots and peaches
- Canned or cooked fruit without seeds or skin

NO seeds, skin, membranes; or dried fruit:

- Raw fruit with seeds, skin, or membranes (includes berries, pine apple, apples, oranges, watermelon)
- Any cooked or canned fruit with seeds or skin
- Raisins or other dried fruit

Vegetables



OK for some if cooked or canned:

- Canned or cooked vegetables without skin or peel (includes peeled carrots, mushrooms, turnips, asparagus tips)
- Potatoes without skin
- Cucumbers without seeds or peel

NO raw, skin, seeds, peel; or certain other vegetables:

- Corn
- Potatoes with skin
- Tomatoes
- Cucumbers with seeds and peel
- Cooked cabbage or Brussels sprouts
- Green peas
- Summer and winter squash
- Lima beans
- Onions

Drinks or beverages



OK to eat:

- Coffee
- Tea
- Hot chocolate or cocoa
- Clear fruit drinks (no pulp)
- Soda and other carbonated beverages
- Ensure, Boost, or Enlive without added fiber

NO:

- Fruit or vegetable juice with pulp
- Beverages with red or purple dye

Other



OK to eat:

- Sugar
- Salt
- Jelly
- Honey
- Syrup
- Lemon juice

NO:

- Coconut
- Popcorn
- Jam
- Marmalade
- Relishes
- Pickles
- Olives
- Stone-ground mustard

TYPE OF FOOD OR DRINK	YES — OK to EAT THESE FOODS	NO — AVOID THESE FOODS
Desserts 	OK to eat: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Custard • Plain pudding • Ice cream • Sherbet or sorbet • Jell-O or gelatin without added fruit or red or purple dye • Cookies or cake made with white flour, prepared without seeds, dried fruit, or nuts 	NO: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coconut • Anything with seeds or nuts • Anything with added red or purple dye • Cookies or cakes made with whole grain flour, seeds, dried fruit, or nuts

One Day PRIOR to Colonoscopy

(Example: If your procedure is on a Thursday, you would start this step on Wednesday)

- You may have a light breakfast the day before procedure (before 10:00am) - see below for an example.
 - Breakfast Example:
 - Eggs
 - White toast, butter
 - Apple juice
 - Tea or coffee. You may add cream, non-fat milk or soymilk only.
 - Yogurt, plain or vanilla
 - **Start Clear Liquid Diet-** Clear liquids after **10:00AM** on the day before the procedure.
 - **Clear liquids ONLY.** Clear liquids may be taken up to 3 hours before your procedure

EXAMPLES OF CLEAR LIQUIDS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

CLEAR LIQUIDS AND LIMITED LIGHT-COLOR DRINKS ONLY	YES — OK TO DRINK	NO — AVOID THESE
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Water • Tea and black coffee without any milk, cream, or lightener • Flavored water without red or purple dye • Clear, light colored juices such as apple, white grape, lemonade with out pulp, and white cranberry • Clear broth including chicken, beef, or vegetable • Soda • Sports drinks such as Gatorade and Propel (light colors only) • Popsicles without fruit or cream; no red or purple dye • Jello-O or other gelatin without fruit; no red or purple dye 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Alcoholic beverages • Milk • Smoothies • Milkshakes • Cream • Orange juice • Grapefruit juice • Tomato juice • Soup (other than clear broth) • Cooked cereal • Juice, Popsicles, or gelatins with red or purple dye

One Day PRIOR Continued you should also **TAKE THE COLON PREP MEDICATION**. Please follow the instructions below.

Purchase these items ahead of time (no prescription needed)

- Two bottles, (119g/4.1oz) of MiraLAX® (third dose may be needed)
- 64oz of Gatorade ZERO (NO red/purple) or your electro mix, can pour into a pitcher or container to mix
- Four, 5mg Dulcolax (Bisacodyl) tablets



PREPARING YOUR BOWEL PREP- MiraLAX®/Gatorade

1. Morning, 1 DAY Before Colonoscopy

(Example: If your colonoscopy is on Thursday, you will do this step on Wednesday)

- Mix all Miralax (two bottles, or = 238g, 8.2oz) with 64oz of Gatorade ZERO or Electro Mix.
- Shake or stir until MiraLAX® is dissolved and refrigerate.

2. Evening, 1 DAY Before Colonoscopy

- **4:00PM** -- Take two Dulcolax (Bisacodyl) by mouth with at least 8oz (1 cup) of water.
- **6:00PM** -- Drink one 8oz glass of the MiraLAX® mixture every 15-minutes until the entire 1 liter (32oz) mix is finished.



- **9:00PM** – If your stools are not loose or watery, drink an additional 32oz of MiraLAX®/Gatorade ZERO mix. Drink one 8oz glass of mixture every 15 minutes until finished.

WHAT TO EXPECT

- You will develop significant diarrhea after drinking the preparation. Plan to be near a bathroom. This is normal as it means the medication is working to clear stool from your colon.
- Most people feel mild bloating and mild abdominal cramps. This is normal.
- A successful colon prep will cause you to have clear yellow (“tea-colored”) liquid stools.
- Please finish your preparation regardless of stool color

Morning of Colonoscopy

1. FOUR HOURS before your procedure start time -- Take two (2) more Dulcolax (Bisacodyl) tablets.

- Mix and drink one 8oz glass of the 1 liter/32oz Miralax® mix every 15-minutes until the entire 1 liter/32oz mix is finished (Should finish all in about one hour).



- Heart, blood pressure or seizure medication may be taken as usual early the morning of your procedure with small sips of water. (Please refer to next page for greater detail.)

2. THREE HOURS before your procedure – **STOP DRINKING ALL CLEAR LIQUIDS AND MEDIATIONS.** This means that you should not have anything to eat or drink 3 hours before your colonoscopy and onward.

Medication Guidelines

It is your responsibility to discuss management of ANY medications listed below, at least 2 weeks prior to procedure with the prescribing physician.

APAs (antiplatelets agents)	
Medication	
Aspirin	Do not need to stop
Clopidogrel (Plavix)	Stop 3 days prior to procedure.

ANTICOAGULANTS	
Medication	
Warfarin (Coumadin)	Stop 5 days prior to procedure.
Rivaroxaban (Xarelto)	Stop 3 days prior to procedure.
Apixaban (Eliquis)	Stop 3 days prior to procedure.
Dabigatran (Pradaxa)	Stop 3 days prior to procedure.
Enoxaparin (Lovenox) dalteparin	Stop 24 hours prior to procedure.
Prasugrel (Effient)	Stop 7 days prior to procedure.

Medications Not Allowed/Hold	
ACE INHIBITORS (if taking twice daily, may take AM dose day before)	DIURETICS
Altace (ramipril)	Avalide (irbesartan/hctz)
Avapro (irbesartan)	Bumex (bumetanide)
Benazepril (Lotensin)	Chlorthalidone (Thalitone)
Enalapril (Vasotec)	Dyazide (Triamterene/hctz)
Hyzaar (Hctz/losartan)	HCTZ (hydrochlorothiazide)
Lisinopril (Prinivil, Zestril)	Hyzaar (Hctz/Losartan)
Micardis (telmisartan)	Lasix (furosemide)

Medication Allowed	
BETA BLOCKERS	CALCIUM CHANNEL BLOCKERS
Atenolol (Tenormin)	Amlodipine (Norvasc)
Bystolic (nebivolol)	Bystolic (nebivolol)
Coreg (carvedilol)	Felodipine
Labetalol	Lotrel (amlodipine, Benazeprilat)
Metoprolol (Lopressor, Toprol-XL)	Nifedipine (Adalat, Procardia)
Propranolol (Inderal, Inderal LA)	Verapamil (Calan, Isoptin, Verelan, Covera)
Ziac (Bisoprolol/HCTZ)	
ANTIARRHYTHMICS	Angiotensin II Receptor Antagonist
Amiodarone (Cordarone)	Atacand (candesartan)
Flecainide (Tambocor)	Cozaar (losartan)
Multaq (dronedarone)	Diovan (Valsartan)
Sotalol	Micardis HCT (Telmisartan-hctz)

Medication Allowed	MISC
NSAIDS	Medication
Ibuprofen	Metformin (Hold the morning of the procedure.)
Naproxen	Supplements (Hold until after procedure.)
Medication Allowed- if scheduled for EGD	
Meds for GERD	
Prilosec	
Nexium	
Zantac	
Ascor	
Aciphex	

If taking medication day of procedure, it can be taken two hours prior to procedure with **small sips of water**.

Cancellation Policy

If for any reason you need to cancel or reschedule your appointment, please contact our scheduling team at (970)363-5431, **5 days** prior to your scheduled procedure to avoid a No-Show Cancellation Fee of \$100.

If the bowel is not clean when you arrive to the procedure's unit, rather than giving you an incomplete and poor examination, your procedure will need to be rescheduled.

Thank you for your understanding.

COVID-19 Requirements

All patients scheduled for a procedure or surgery will be screened for symptoms of COVID-19. Patients must be free of COVID-19 symptoms on the day of their scheduled surgery or procedure. COVID-19 testing is not required for surgeries or procedures. Patients experiencing ANY variation of baseline, must be free of new/changed symptom for a minimum of 10 days or undergo testing for COVID-19.

We ask that you please call our office if you are experiencing any of the following:

- Any COVID-19 related symptoms within 10 days of your scheduled procedure.
- Awaiting a COVID-19 test result within 10 days of your scheduled procedure.
- Have been hospitalized with COVID-19 within 6 weeks of your scheduled procedure date.

Additionally, all ride/caregivers entering the surgery center must also be free of symptoms of COVID-19, have no positive tests in the previous 10 days and may not have a test pending. All patients will be contacted by the VVSC Pre-Surgical Planning team no earlier than 3 business days prior to their procedure. All patients will be asked about recent COVID-19 test on the day of their scheduled surgery.

Procedure Results

Results from your procedure(s) will be communicated via Colorado Mountain Medical’s Patient Portal (Please note: This is **NOT** the same application as the One Medical Passport through the Vail Valley Surgery Center). If you do not have an account, please set this up by visiting the following link: <https://www.cmmhealth.org/patient-resources/patient-portal>

1. Click the button that says, “GO TO PORTAL” and you will be redirected to the portal website.
2. Then, click “I need to sign up” this will take you through the account set up. **An access code will be required, this will be the year of your birth. Ex: 1970**

If you have questions or need additional support with CMMs Patient Portal, please contact:

TECHNICAL SUPPORT

Support Hotline: (888) 670-9775

Email: support@followmyhealth.com

Knowledge Base: <http://support.followmyhealth.com>

Hours of Service: Monday – Friday, 8 AM – 8 PM EST.

Important Information Regarding Insurance Benefits

As a courtesy we will call your insurance to verify your potential benefits and to obtain authorization for your upcoming procedure, if needed. Please keep in mind that benefits are not a guarantee of coverage and colonoscopy type can change during the procedure. We cannot change or remove diagnosis codes to get procedures covered under your preventive benefits. We code and bill services based on documentation from your medical record.

There are three types of colonoscopies (Insurance companies may differ in how each procedure is paid):

Preventative/ Average Risk Colonoscopy Screening:

Colorectal cancer screening is recommended at age 45. A colonoscopy is considered screening if you are 45 years old or older; you have not had a colonoscopy within the last 10 years; do not have any gastrointestinal symptoms; or do not have any history of gastrointestinal disease, colon polyps, and /or colon cancer. **Some insurance plans will not cover a screening colonoscopy before the age of 50. If under 50, we recommend contacting your insurance for guidelines. All authorizations and payments of benefits are subject to terms, conditions, limitations, and exclusions of the member’s contract at time of service.**

Surveillance/ High Risk Colonoscopy Screening:

Patients with a personal history of colon polyps and/or colon cancer, family history of colon polyps and/or colon cancer, personal history of Crohn’s Disease, or Ulcerative colitis fall under this category. You may need to repeat a colonoscopy every 2-5 years for surveillance purposes. This type of procedure may be reimbursed by some insurance carriers, or it may go towards your deductible.

Diagnostic Colonoscopy:

Patients undergoing a diagnostic colonoscopy have current gastrointestinal symptoms and your referring provider has ordered this procedure as it may help determine any causes for your symptoms. It is considered a medical procedure and will be applicable to your deductible/ coinsurance.

EGDs:

This is a diagnostic procedure and will potentially be applicable to your deductible/copay.

Cost Estimate:

If you would like to get an estimate of possible costs, you may call the numbers below:

- Professional Charges:
 - Colorado Mountain Medical: 970-363-5431
- Facility Charges:
 - Edwards Surgery Center: 970-569-7400
- Anesthesia:
 - Anesthesia Partners of Colorado: 970-315-3858
- Pathology Charges:
 - Paramount pathology Services 970-945-7564
 - Valley View Hospital Patient insurance verification: 970-384-6888

Please Note:

A good bowel prep is essential for an accurate and successful procedure. Following instructions closely will help maximize the ease, safety and success of your preparation. If an incomplete, or poor, bowel prep occurs your doctor may request to repeat your procedure. **Your insurance most likely won't cover a second procedure.**

If you have any questions regarding scheduling, please call our schedulers at (970)363-5431.

Any questions regarding prep, you can reach our clinical staff at (970) 363-5376.



**VAIL VALLEY SURGERY CENTER
EDWARDS**

320 Beard Creek Road Edwards,
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Online Patient History Instructions

Welcome to the Vail Valley Surgery Center Edwards. We're very pleased that you and your physician have chosen us to care for you. Our center requests that you fill out your medical history online with One Medical Passport **as soon as your procedure has been scheduled**. Once you do this, our Pre-Anesthesia Testing nurse will be able to access the information you entered and help prepare you for your procedure.

Be sure to have the following information available before starting your Medical Passport:

- Your health insurance information.
- The names, addresses and phone numbers of your physicians.
- A list of all medications you are taking, their dosage and frequency.
- A list of surgical procedures you have ever had and their approximate dates.

To begin your online Medical Passport,

- 1) Go to our website: <http://vailvalleysurgerycenter.com>
- 2) Select the "Patients Resources" link on our home page
- 3) Select the "Online Check-In" link
- 4) Select the "One Medical Passport-Edwards" link
- 5) Select "Register" highlighted in green. Complete the registration and medical history screens, select Finish to submit your Medical Passport to our facility. If you need help with this process, please use the Help link on the left side of the screens.

Patients can expect a phone call from a Pre-op nurse the day prior to the procedure to go over any pertinent information.

If you are not able to complete your history online, please note that you will be required to complete paperwork at registration.

How to return to One Medical Passport

If you have already registered you may go directly to www.onemedicalpassport.com

In the lower left corner of the screen ("Already Have a Medical Passport?"), enter the username and password you created when you registered and click 'go'. Select the 'Medical Facility and Physician' option and click 'Next'. Select the State and Medical facility. Your previous medical history will populate the form. If you do not see the option you are looking for, or are having problems, please click the Help link on the left.

About [One Medical Passport](#)

Completing a *One Medical Passport* medical history online is easy. For most patients, filling out the entire questionnaire takes less than 30 minutes. Please fill out the questionnaire accurately, and be assured that all of your information is kept confidential and will be thoroughly reviewed by your medical team. At any time, you can quit filling out the questionnaire and come back and complete the unfinished portion at a more convenient time.

One Medical Passport is a website that allows you to enter your information at any time from anywhere. You can also print out a copy of your medical history after you create it online and keep it with you or with your other health care documents, as well as have access to it online anytime you need it or want to update it



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WAIVER OF ADVANCE DIRECTIVE

I, _____, hereby voluntarily waive any Advance Directive prohibiting resuscitation efforts that I may have signed or that my representative may have provided to Vail Valley Surgery Center, its physicians, employees or other affiliates, for the limited purpose of procedures performed on _____ [DATE] at Vail Valley Surgery Center.

I understand that by this waiver I am authorizing Vail Valley Surgery Center, its physicians and personnel to initiate resuscitative or other stabilizing measures and transfer me to an acute care hospital for further evaluation, as needed.

I further understand that I am not obligated to sign this Waiver of Advance Directive and am free to seek medical care at another facility.

The undersigned certifies that he/she is the patient, the patient's legal representative, or is duly authorized by the patient's general agent to execute this document and accept and agree to its terms.

Date

Patient/Parent/Guardian/Conservator/Agent

Time

If other than patient, indicate relationship

Witness



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Patient Acknowledgements

- I understand that it is the patient’s responsibility to check with his/her health insurance company regarding plan benefits. Any estimated co-payments, deductibles, or co-insurance will be requested at time of service. Please contact your employer or your insurer directly if you have any questions about your insurance coverage.
- I understand that if I do not have insurance I will be considered self-pay and that payment of the estimated charges, less any applicable self-pay discounts, will be required at time of service.
- I understand that the Vail Valley Surgery Center does not accept international insurance. Payment of the estimated charges will be required at time of service. It is the patient’s responsibility to submit the claim to the insurance for reimbursement.
- I understand that any amounts quoted are only an **estimate**. We are legally bound to charge based on the final operative note, which may result in additional charges. The estimate is provided as a courtesy only.
- GI patients understand that insurance benefits and charges may differ if the visit changes from a routine exam to a medical procedure and that this may occur during the course of the procedure.
- I understand that the estimate provided from the Vail Valley Surgery Center is for the facility fee **only**.
- In addition to the Surgery Center here is a list of other parties who may bill you (please note that this list may not be all inclusive):

<i>Physicians Office</i>	<i>Lab/Imaging</i>
<i>Anesthesia</i>	<i>Physical Therapy</i>
<i>Pathology</i>	<i>Rehabilitation Equipment</i>
- I acknowledge that I received the following documents:
 - Notice of Patient Rights & Responsibilities, including the address for complaint submission*
 - A list of investors*
 - Information regarding Advance Directives*

Date

Patient/Parent/Guardian/Conservator/Agent

Time

Indicate Relationship



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Appendix A: Surprise Billing Disclosure

Surprise Billing -- Know Your Rights

Beginning January 1, 2020, Colorado state law protects you* from “surprise billing,” also known as “balance billing.” These protections apply when:

- You receive covered emergency services, other than ambulance services, from an out-of-network provider in Colorado, and/or
- You unintentionally receive covered services from an out-of-network provider at an in-network facility in Colorado.*

What is surprise/balance billing, and when does it happen?

If you are seen by a provider or use services in a facility or agency that is **not** in your health insurance plan’s provider network, sometimes referred to as “out-of-network,” you may receive a bill for additional costs associated with that care. Out-of-network facilities or agencies often bill you the difference between what your insurer decides is the eligible charge and what the out-of-network provider bills as the total charge. This is called “surprise” or “balance” billing.

When you CANNOT be balance-billed:

Emergency Services

If you are receiving emergency services, the most you can be billed is your plan’s in-network cost-sharing amounts, which are copayments, deductibles, and /or coinsurance. You cannot be billed for any other amount. This includes both the facility where you receive emergency services and any providers that see you for emergency services.

Please note that not every service provided in an emergency department is an emergency service.

Non-Emergency Services at an In-Network Facility by an Out-of-Network Provider

The facility or agency must tell you if you are at an out-of-network location or at an in-network location that is using out of network providers. They must also tell you what types of services that you will be using may be provided by an out-of-network provider.

You have the right to request that in-network providers perform all covered medical services. However, you may have to receive medical services from an out-of-network provider if an in-network provider is not available. In this case, the most you can be billed for **covered** services is your in-network cost-sharing amount which are copayments, deductibles, and/or coinsurance. These providers cannot balance bill you for additional costs.

Additional Protections

- Your insurer will pay out-of-network providers and facilities directly.
- Your insurer must count any amount you pay for emergency services or certain out-of-network services (described above) toward your in-network deductible and out-of-pocket limit.
- Your provider, facility, hospital, or agency must refund any amount you overpay within 60 days of being notified.
- No one, including a provider, hospital, or insurer, can ask you to limit or give up these rights.

If you receive services from an out-of-network provider or facility or agency in any OTHER situation, you may still be balance billed, or you may be responsible for the entire bill. If you

intentionally receive non-emergency services from an out-of-network provider or facility, you may also be balance billed.

If you think you have received a bill for amounts other than your copayments, deductible, and/or coinsurance, please contact the billing department, or the Colorado Division of Insurance at 303-894-7490 or 1-800-930-3745.

* This law does NOT apply to ALL Colorado health plans. It only applies if:

- You have a “**CO-DOI**” on your health insurance ID card, and
- You are receiving care and services provided at a regulated facility in the state of Colorado.

Please contact your health insurance plan at the number on your health insurance ID card or the Colorado Division of Insurance with questions.

Date

Patient/Parent/Guardian/Conservator/Agent

Time

If other than patient, indicate relationship