



**UNC Hospitals  
Endoscopy Center at Memorial Hospital**

Dear Patient,

Thank you for choosing UNC Health Care for your GI procedure. Our goal is to deliver safe, high quality procedures and to make your experience as pleasant as possible. This letter is to inform you of possible out-of-pocket costs and possible anesthesia costs.

**Out-of-Pocket Costs:** The specific amounts of these costs will vary depending on your insurance plan and the type of procedure you are having. **It is our policy to accept payments for an estimated amount of these costs at the time of the procedure.** A fee of \$150 for UNC Hospitals (facility fee) as well as \$100 for UNC Faculty Physicians (physician fee) will be collected on the day of the procedure. Please come prepared to pay these amounts when you check-in. We accept cash, credit cards, or checks. **If you plan to pay by check, please bring two separate checks.** The entire balance for the total cost of treatment will be submitted to your insurance carrier.

Note that if you have the following insurance plans, you will not be asked to make these estimated payments, but may be asked to pay a different amount based on your plan's requirements:

- Patients with two or more insurance coverages
- Medicare, Medicaid, and/or Tricare
- BCBS out of state

**Anesthesia Care:** It is our common practice at UNC Hospitals to provide anesthesia care to patients having endoscopic procedures. This care, delivered by specialists in anesthesiology, is intended to allow you to have your procedure safely, comfortably and, most often, with no recollection of the procedure. In addition, the medications used typically allow you to wake up quickly without residual effects.

**There is an associated professional fee for this endoscopy-related anesthesiology care.** This fee is often covered by most insurance carriers. However, you should check with your insurance carrier regarding your coverage prior to your appointment if you are unsure or if you are concerned about payments and coverage. Should you decide you do not want to have an anesthesia specialist involved in your care, please call us at 919-843-7200 at least seven days before your procedure and we will work with you to identify, to the extent possible, a safe and comfortable alternative for your procedure.

**At no time do we want financial hardship to come between you and appropriate care.** If you have any questions regarding this prepayment policy, setting up a payment plan or financial assistance, please contact a financial counselor at **984-974-0116**. In addition, the customer service department of your insurance company will be able to provide you information regarding your out-of-pocket expenses for your procedure.

**Affordable Care Act.**

Under the Affordable Care Act, most insured patients who undergo screening colonoscopies are not subject to any out-of-pocket costs. However, if during the course of a screening colonoscopy a biopsy is performed or a polyp is removed, the test is reclassified as a diagnostic or therapeutic colonoscopy and some patients may receive a bill for associated costs. Please check with your insurance company ahead of time to determine if you would be affected by such a change