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IMPORTANT – BILLING REFERENCE INFORMATION

Dear Patient,

We welcome the opportunity to help you meet your health care needs at Teaneck Gastroenterology and Endoscopy Center. In order to provide you with a positive experience from beginning to end, a word is necessary about the types of fees associated with the procedure.

We designed our state-of-the-art outpatient facility with your needs in mind. Our Facility provides the best medical services available in an environment that is more comfortable, private, efficient and cost effective than a hospital setting. Since we provide the same services for intravenous sedation and monitoring as offered in the hospital, the **TYPE and NUMBER of bills you may receive are the same as those associated with the use of a hospital.**

A. THE DOCTOR'S BILL

This is the professional component or the fee the doctor charges for his services. The bill is sent out of the TEANECK OFFICE and will be under the name Drs. Paltrowitz, Goldfarb, Schmidt, Micale and Palance.

If you have any questions about this bill, please call our Billing Department at 201-461-5907.

B. THE FACILITY FEE

This is the same as receiving a "hospital bill". It is a fee for the use of the Center's operating room, recovery room and nursing services. This bill is sent from TEANECK GASTROENTEROLOGY AND ENDOSCOPY CENTER.

If you have any questions about this bill, please call our Billing Department at 201-837-7728.

C. THE ANESTHESIOLOGIST'S FEE

This is the fee for the Anesthesiologist's services. The Anesthesiologist is the doctor who administers the conscious sedation (the medication that makes you comfortable) and monitors your vital signs during your procedure. The Center utilizes their own Anesthesiologist.

If you have any questions about this bill, please call our Billing Department at 201-837-1259.

D. THE LABORATORY AND PATHOLOGY FEE

It may be necessary to take a biopsy(s) during your procedure. The biopsy(s) is then sent to the laboratory to be read by a Pathologist. Your insurance company determines where we can send your biopsy(s). **One of the Pathology Labs that can be used is with Drs. Paltrowitz, Goldfarb, Schmidt, Micale and Palance** or your specimen(s) will be sent to an outside laboratory depending on your insurance requirements. The bill for the laboratory and/or Pathologist comes directly from the pathology laboratory responsible for reading the results. The bill from us is sent under the name of Drs. Paltrowitz, Goldfarb, Schmidt, Micale and Palance, Attention: Pathology/Monica.

If you have any questions about this bill and it was sent by OUR Pathology Lab, please call 201-837-9449 x121. If sent by another Lab, please call that Lab directly.

As a courtesy, we will submit all bills to your designated insurance company. If payment is sent to you, please forward it to the appropriate office for payment upon receipt.

Thank you for your cooperation.

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