

Dear Patient,

In our effort to best serve you, we ask that you please **read carefully** the billing and financial information outlined below.

You **may** be advised to undergo certain endoscopic procedures and investigations for diagnosis, management and the possible treatment of your symptoms or conditions. Most procedures can be safely and effectively performed in our affiliated Endoscopy Centers.

When choosing to schedule your procedure, our staff will assist in obtaining the necessary authorizations and can offer you general guidance regarding insurance coverage; it is **your responsibility** to ensure that any tests, procedures, medication and professional referrals are covered by your insurance plan. As a rule, most large commercial plans cover both upper (EGD) and lower (Colonoscopy) endoscopy. We make every attempt to bill for the services rendered; however, the findings of your procedure may result in up to **four (4) separate bills**. They are:

1. Gastroenterologist Fee (Physician charge for the procedure).
2. Pathology fee and/or lab fee (including all lab/facility and pathology charges).
3. Facility fee (Including use of the endoscopy suite, recovery, medications, supplies and nursing care).
4. Anesthesiologist fee.

Depending on your coverage, you may also be responsible for co-insurance or co-pay. All co-pays, co-insurance, and deductible payments are due at the time of your visit for procedure. If special arrangements are necessary, please call our office for further assistance.

With the implementation of The Affordable Care Act, some insurance coverage has changed or been discontinued, **we strongly advise that you check with your insurance carrier to avoid any unforeseen financial obligations.**

Should you have additional questions, please contact our office at (415) 749-6900.

Thank you. We are pleased to assist you.

The SFGI Team

I have read the above. _____
Signature