

UNDERSTANDING THE BILLING FOR YOUR PROCEDURE

You are scheduled to have a procedure performed by a physician of Atlanta South Gastroenterology.

You will receive a separate bill from each:

- **Physician** (Dr. Lyons or Dr. Martin of Atlanta South Gastroenterology, PC)
 - **Endoscopy Center** where the procedure is performed
 - **Pathology Laboratory**, if tissue is sent for evaluation
1. **PHYSICIAN COMPONENT:** When you have a procedure, the physician bills for the professional fee. This bill will be from **Atlanta South Gastroenterology, PC** and will include the physician's fee for performing the basic procedure plus the fee if any additional procedures are required, such as performing a biopsy, removing polyps, dilating the esophagus, etc. A definite cost cannot be given until the physician has completed the procedure. Co-pays and deductibles are due at the time of service.

In performing procedures our physicians are practicing the standard of care which they believe best serves your needs. Medicare and/or your insurance company may not accept the same standards and indications for a certain procedure and therefore may deny payment for your procedure. This is a matter between your and your insurance company, and you are responsible for the cost of your procedure.

2. **FACILITY COMPONENT:** Each facility sends a bill for its services, which includes the cost of nursing care, medications, use of equipment, etc., just as a hospital sends a bill for its services when you are hospitalized. If your procedure is performed at our endoscopy center, the bill for the facility fee will be sent from **Atlanta South Endoscopy Center, LLC**, which is a certified, fully licensed ambulatory surgery center. This is a separate bill from the physician's charges. This charge will be billed to your insurance company. You will not receive a statement on this charge until after your insurance company has paid their portion of the claim.
3. **PATHOLOGY:** If tissue is removed during your procedure (biopsy, polypectomy, etc.) the tissue will be sent to an expert lab for interpretation, and you will receive a separate bill for this service. If your procedure is performed in our endoscopy center, your specimens will be sent to **GI Pathology Partners** of Memphis, TN, who are pathologists with special training in gastrointestinal disorders, which we believe provides you the most expert opinions in this area. You will receive a bill from this pathology group when specimens are sent for evaluation from our endoscopy center.

If you have any questions relating to billing, please discuss them with our staff or your physician prior to services being rendered.

Signature _____

Printed name of patient _____ Date _____

Witness _____