

Medical Director



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Dr. Chaurasia has been in the field of gastroenterology for more than a decade. He has served as the President of the Orange County Gastroenterology Society.

He completed his fellowship training in Gastroenterology and hepatology at the University of California, Irvine. In addition he

did an advanced training in therapeutic ERCP at the University of Amsterdam, Holland, an internationally renowned center for pancreatico-biliary endoscopy. His board certification includes American subspecialty board of gastroenterology. He serves on the clinical faculty at the University of California, Irvine.

About the Endoscopy Center

Pacific Gastroenterology Endoscopy Center is a state-of-the-art Ambulatory Endoscopy Center.

Our Center Offers:

- ◆ Outpatient care allowing you to return home the same day
- ◆ Modern, state-of-the-art equipment
- ◆ Highly qualified personnel
- ◆ Efficient personal care in a warm and caring atmosphere

The Endoscopic Procedures Performed at the Center Include:

- ◆ Upper Gastrointestinal Endoscopy
- ◆ Colonoscopy

These procedures are performed to both diagnose and/or treat various digestive diseases including heartburn/gastroesophageal reflux, ulcer, colitis, diverticulosis, gastrointestinal bleeding, colon polyp, and colon cancer.

Before Procedure

- ◆ Follow carefully all instructions for the procedure given to you by your gastroenterologist.
- ◆ Please make sure that you take all doses of laxatives as directed for your colonoscopy. If you have any problems with the laxative, please notify your physician.
- ◆ If you are taking any blood thinning medications like coumadin, aspirin, or plavix, please contact your physician. You may need to stop these medications for a few days prior to the procedure.
- ◆ Notify your physician if you develop any change in your health status such as fever, cough or cold prior to the procedure.
- ◆ Bring a list of all medications you may be taking.
- ◆ Wear loose comfortable clothing.
- ◆ Leave jewelry and contact lens at home.
- ◆ Do not bring any valuables.
- ◆ You MUST have someone who will be responsible for transporting you home.
- ◆ Arrive at the Center one hour prior to the procedure scheduled time.
- ◆ Before any sedative is given, you will be asked to sign an informed consent for the procedure.



Recovery room

After Procedure

- ◆ After the procedure, you will spend some time in the recovery room. Our team of nurses and staff will ensure a nurturing and comforting environment during your recovery.
- ◆ It is common to have some amnesia due to sedative, and therefore you may not remember talking to your physician after the procedure. For this reason, your physician may desire to discuss the findings of the procedures or any special after care instructions with your companion or a family member.
- ◆ You will be given written discharge instructions and any necessary prescriptions before you leave. Please be sure to follow these instructions carefully.
- ◆ You will be discharged home in the care of a family member or a friend who is PRE-ARRANGED to drive you home. You will NOT be permitted to drive yourself home or take a bus or a taxi.
- ◆ You may feel a little dizzy and sleepy for several hours after the procedure. It is therefore advisable that you stay home, and take things easy for rest of the day.
- ◆ Wait until the day following the procedure to drive a motor vehicle, operate any heavy equipment or sign any important documents.
- ◆ Do not drink any alcoholic beverage until the day after the procedure.
- ◆ After the upper endoscopy, you may experience some minor throat irritation.
- ◆ After biopsy or polyp removal during a colonoscopy, you may have some minor rectal bleeding.
- ◆ If you develop persistent nausea, vomiting, persistent red maroon or black bowel movement or vomiting of blood, persistent abdominal pain, or fever, please contact your gastroenterologist immediately. In case of an emergency, please call 911.
- ◆ You will be advised to follow up with your physician to discuss the findings of the procedure and the biopsy results as applicable.

Financial Information

Fees for the Procedure

Ambulatory outpatient setting allows the procedures to be performed at a reduced cost.

The center charges a single fee called "Facility fee" which covers:

- ◆ Use of the facility
- ◆ Equipment and supplies
- ◆ Medications and sedation used for the procedure
- ◆ Nursing services
- ◆ Recovery room services

The facility fee does not cover:

- ◆ Physician's professional fee
- ◆ Lab or Pathology fees

Insurance and Billing

Our business office will contact you prior to the procedure to discuss your financial responsibilities.

- ◆ We accept PPOs, Medicare and other insurance plans.
- ◆ Please bring your insurance card(s).
- ◆ You will be asked to sign a financial agreement indicating your responsibility for the bill.
- ◆ The Endoscopy Center will bill your insurance. You will be responsible for any remaining balance.
- ◆ We accept Visa and Mastercard.

Co-payment and deductibles

- ◆ Co-payments and deductibles are due prior to the procedure.

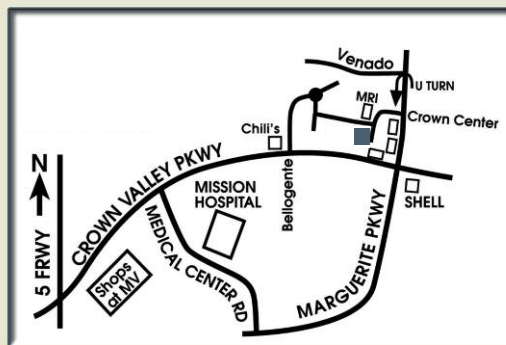
Cash Pay/No Insurance

- ◆ If you do not have health insurance, you will be required to pay the full amount of the "facility fee" prior to the procedure.
- ◆ The physician fee is to be paid separately to your doctor.
- ◆ You may also incur a pathology fee if any biopsies are taken.

If you have any questions regarding your insurance coverage or our fees, please call us at (949) 365-8836.

Directions

Freeway 5 → Exit Crown Valley Parkway → Turn left if coming from Freeway 5 South or turn right if coming from Freeway 5 North → Go east on Crown Valley Parkway for about a mile → Turn left on to Marguerite Parkway → Stay in the Left lane → Drive about 200 yards → Take the first legal U turn → Take the first Right in to the Crown Center → Turn Left, Our Building (26421 Crown Valley Pkwy) is left to the MRI Building. Please note that the Office buildings in the Crown Center look like "condominiums".



Parking is FREE.

There is no designated parking area. Park anywhere in the Crown Center.

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