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## **Upper Endoscopy (EGD)**

An Upper endoscopy (EGD), allows your doctor to look directly into the beginning of your gastrointestinal tract-the esophagus, stomach and duodenum (the first part of the small intestine).

During the EGD, a flexible fiberoptic gastroscope is passed through the mouth down into the small intestine enabling the doctor to visualize the gastrointestinal lining. The design of the gastroscope allows the doctor to take small tissue samples (biopsies), to photograph any abnormal findings, or to remove polyps, growths, or foreign bodies from the esophagus or stomach. The biopsies will be sent to the lab for further testing and your doctor will go over the findings from your procedure prior to your discharge. Patients may have a sore throat after the procedure and may return to a normal diet unless otherwise directed by your doctor.