

## Endoscopic Ultrasound (EUS)

Endoscopic ultrasound (EUS) allows your doctor to examine the lining and the walls of your upper or lower gastrointestinal (GI) tract. The upper tract is the esophagus, stomach and duodenum; the lower tract includes your colon and rectum. EUS is also used to study internal organs that lie next to the gastrointestinal tract, such as the gall bladder and pancreas.

Your doctor will use a thin, flexible tube called an endoscope that he or she will pass through your mouth or anus to the area to be examined. Your doctor then will turn on the ultrasound component to produce sound waves that create visual images of the digestive tract.

EUS provides detailed pictures of your digestive tract anatomy. EUS may be used to diagnose the cause of conditions such as abdominal pain or abnormal weight loss. EUS is also used to evaluate an abnormality, such as a growth, that was detected at a prior endoscopy or by x-ray. In addition, EUS can be used to diagnose diseases of the pancreas, bile duct and gallbladder when other tests are inconclusive.

## **Billing**

Listed below are the specific billing codes and physician fees associated with Endoscopic Ultrasound (EUS). EUS must be performed in a hospital setting, and as such you will need to contact the hospital where you will be having this procedure to obtain the facility fee.

This is not a comprehensive list of all the procedures we perform: we have only included the most common procedures. The final cost of your visit cannot be determined until the physician has fully examined you and completed the procedure. More than one code may appear on your statement.

The actual allowed amount (the amount of the billed charge deemed payable by an insurance plan) for each charge and the amount of your out-of-pocket expense will depend on your particular insurance plan. It is important to check your individual policy and direct any questions to your insurer to determine coverage and your financial responsibility prior to receiving treatment.

Billing Code		Charge
(CPT Code)	Description	Amount
43259	Upper endoscopy EUS	\$1,064
43242	Upper endoscopy EUS with FNA	\$1,232
45391	Colonoscopy with EUS	\$1,210
45341	Flex sig with EUS	\$585

<sup>\*\*</sup>The nature of some procedures may require that the procedure be performed in a hospital. In this case, the facility charge would be determined by the hospital and anesthesia fees. \*\*

## Prices may be subject to change