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Dear Referrer,

With the coming phase 2 of WRHA reorganization, there will be significant changes to Seven Oaks General Hospital (SOGH) and Concordia General Hospital (CGH) as it relates to GI endoscopy, effective January 9th, 2019. The changes, with removal of outpatient surgery, anesthesia and ICU will result in only low risk patients that are ASA class 1-2 will be able to have endoscopic procedures at SOGH. As a result of these changes, and after taking input from various user groups about the old version of the form we have updated our referral form to reflect current practice.

Highlights of the changes to version 2.0:

- a) Removal of several indications for endoscopy (eg. non iron deficiency anemia, screening for Barrett's esophagus etc.)
- b) Addition of upper GI bleed indication for stable outpatients.
- c) Removal of many tick boxes on the front page to simplify the referral process.
- d) Addition of past surgical history section.
- e) Limiting direct to endoscopy for patients between the age of 25 and 80 years of age.
- f) Removal of much of the required blood work pre procedure (see specific details on the form)
- g) Final sign-off clarifying suitability of patient to be done at ambulatory care facility such as 7-oaks endoscopy.

Effective November 15th, 2018, we will return any referral that isn't submitted on the latest version of this form, dated 10/18. All referral forms sent to Central Intake MUST have the patient ASA classification filled out by you/your staff prior to booking. This will also apply to the endoscopists booking their own procedures within the WRHA

Thank you for your compliance and we hope you have found this service helpful for patient care,

Sincerely,

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WRHA Medical Director of Endoscopy