



Allies in Internal Medicine (AIM)
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Bringing Insight Onsite

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HOW TO PREPARE YOUR PATIENTS FOR UPPER GI ENDOSCOPY:

Please help us prepare your patients for a successful and safe endoscopy by:

1. Ensuring that the patient is fasted (no food) for 12 hours prior to the consultation appointment with the internal medicine specialist. Water is allowed until 4 hours before the appointment time. Access to water should be withdrawn 4 hours before the appointment time. **Please review with owner.**
2. If the patient is a dog and he/she has a chronic history of waxing and waning signs of vomiting and diarrhea, intermittent lethargy or weight loss, or lack of stress leukogram (on the CBC of a sick dog) please have an ACTH stimulation test done on the patient prior to the referral appointment and send the result to us for review by the internal medicine specialist.
3. Please ensure that a full blood panel (general blood panel if <7 years or geriatric blood panel if >7 years old) and urinalysis have been performed on the patient within the 14 days that precede the appointment with the internal medicine specialist and that you have forwarded these results for review by the internal medicine specialist.
4. If the patient has a history of acute or chronic diarrhea and a routine fecal ova and parasite floatation has not been done please arrange to have one run before the referral appointment and forward us the results for review by the internal medicine specialist.
5. If there is a history of any anesthetic or bleeding complications or known cardiac, respiratory or hepatic disease please let us know the details.

Thanks for helping us help your patient!