



Dear Patient,

Welcome to Billings Clinic Bozeman Gastroenterology (GI) department. We specialize in the diagnosis and treatment of digestive tract diseases and disorders. We care for conditions of the colon, gallbladder, esophagus, liver, pancreas, intestines, and stomach.

When attending an appointment in the GI department, we ask that you bring an updated copy of your medications, including over the counter supplements. Please remember to ask for medication refills at the time of your appointment. We encourage you to bring a list of any questions or concerns you would like to address with our Providers. It is typically best if this list is created prior to your appointment with the help of any family members or friends that may participate in your care. We also ask that you have any medical records faxed to our office prior to your appointment.

If our providers have ordered labs to be completed prior to your appointment, we ask that you do those labs a day in advance or at least two hours before your scheduled appointment. This will ensure that our providers have your lab results available to review with you during your appointment. You will be notified about lab results, procedure results, and imaging results at your follow up appointment or sooner if it is urgent.

Your GI care team at Billings Clinic Bozeman is available to assist with any symptoms or concerns you may have but please reschedule your appointment for a later time or go to the Emergency room, if you are experiencing any of the following:

- Fever of 100.4 degrees Fahrenheit or more; chills with or without fever
- Difficulty swallowing with shortness of breath
- Severe pain uncontrolled by prescribed pain medications or over the counter medications
- Uncontrolled nausea or vomiting
- **For medical emergencies (ie: sudden or severe onset of symptoms such as chest pain, difficulty breathing, uncontrolled bleeding, confusion, or vision changes), CALL 911.**

Before you leave the clinic, please make sure to obtain the phone numbers to our GI nursing care team and scheduling team so that you can reach us with any questions or concerns. Our team is often assisting other patients in the clinic, so we ask that you leave a message, and we will get back to you as soon as we are able to. There is also access to our patient portal, so you can review your results online and communicate with your care team.

Welcome to our care!

Sincerely,

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