

GI Procedures (EGD or Esophagogastroduodenoscopy; Colonoscopy or C-scope)

All Classes
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DISEASE/CONDITION	EVALUATION DATA	DISPOSITION
A. Uncomplicated, with or without biopsy EGD esophagogastroduodenoscopy, endoscopy, upper endoscopy, upper GI or Colonoscopy (c-scope)	For a routine procedure with no complications, the recovery period is based on anesthesia. In most cases, 48 hours applies after a routine procedure and recovery. If the AME can determine the condition has fully resolved without sequelae with no symptoms or current problems that would interfere with flight duties:	ISSUE Summarize findings in Item 60. If any underlying condition is found, see that section.
B. All others (unresolved complications) (e.g., complications such as infection, or reaction to anesthesia have not resolved.) If bleeding or tearing of the GI tract, see corresponding page. The individual should not return to flight or SRD until the complication(s) are resolved and they have been released by their treating physician/surgeon to full duty.	Submit the following for FAA review: 1. A current, detailed Clinical Progress Note generated from a clinic visit with their treating physician or surgeon no more than 90 days before the AME exam. <i>It should include a summary of the history of the condition or diagnosis; current medications, dosages, and side effects (if any); clinical exam findings; results of any testing performed; diagnosis; assessment and plan (prognosis); and follow-up.</i> 2. Current CBC (lab). 3. Results of any other testing already performed by the treating physician.	DEFER Submit the information to the FAA for a possible Special Issuance. Summarize findings in Item 60. If any underlying condition is found, see that section.