



## Bronchoscopy Procedure

To Schedule: (319) 861-7778

Questions about procedure: (319) 221-8500

### **What is a bronchoscopy procedure?**

A bronchoscopy procedure is an airway exam to diagnose lung disease and cancer, as well as remove foreign bodies from the airway.

### **Why should I have a bronchoscopy procedure?**

Bronchoscopy procedures are done for many reasons. A bronchoscopy procedure can help a physician better diagnose and treat lung diseases.

### **Preparation:**

Please review with your doctor or your doctor's nurse.

- Nothing to eat or drink for 6 hours before procedure
- Ask your physician about holding any medications for procedure.
- Please bring photo ID.

### **Procedure:**

Plan to arrive 1 and a half hour before your procedure. You will need someone to drive you home after the procedure. The bronchoscopy itself usually takes about 30 minutes. But the entire procedure, including preparation and recovery time, takes about 4 hours.

A Pulmonologist (lung specialist) will be performing the bronchoscopy procedure, assisted by a nurse and a Respiratory Therapist.

You will be given medications to make you sleepy and numb your throat and airway. During the procedure, your doctor passes a thin, flexible tube called a bronchoscope through your mouth or nose, down your throat, and into your airways. The bronchoscope has a light and small camera that allows your doctor to see your windpipe and airways, and take pictures. Your doctor may also take a sample of lung fluid or tissue for further testing.

**Outpatient Registration:**

Please park in the Mercy Parking ramp located at the corner of 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue and 8<sup>th</sup> Street SE. Enter the hospital at the South entrance on ground floor and proceed to the registration desk.

**Your appointment date and time:**\_\_\_\_\_