



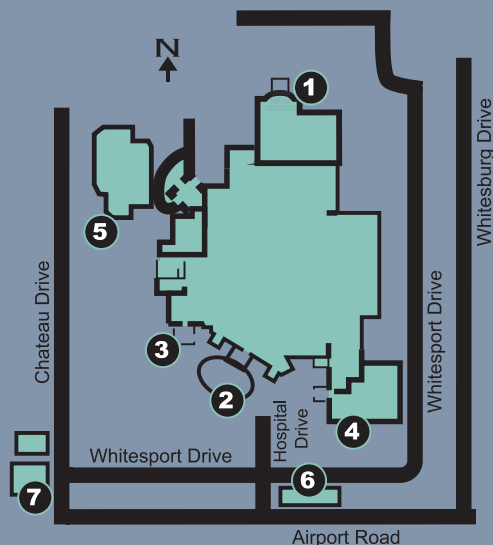
The Crestwood Way

At Crestwood Medical Center, the Special Procedures Department provides fast, accurate, diagnostic information for your physician. Most Special Procedures are performed through our Outpatient Center, which means once your procedure is performed you are able to go home within a few hours.

By educating you about your options, Crestwood makes you an integral part of your own health care. Inside you will find a brief description about Special Procedures performed at Crestwood.

For more information, we encourage you to discuss your health care needs with your physician.

To schedule a Special Procedure please contact your physician or call 256-880-4444.



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The Special Procedures Department at Crestwood Medical Center performs a variety of procedures to diagnose and treat lung and gastrointestinal diseases. By utilizing a tool called an endoscope, your physician is able to examine your abdomen, esophagus, stomach, and colon without a surgical incision. Endoscopy also allows your physician to remove polyps or take tissue samples during your exam. After your exam, the physician may explain the results. If the effects of the sedative are prolonged then the physician may schedule a later appointment to discuss the results.

The following is an overview of four special procedures performed at Crestwood.

BRONCHOSCOPY A bronchoscopy is an examination of the major air passages of the lungs. This test allows a physician to look at your lungs and obtain fluid and tissue samples.

COLONOSCOPY A colonoscopy allows a physician look inside your entire large intestine, from the lowest part, the rectum, all the way up through the colon to the lower end of the small intestine. The procedure is used to look for early signs of cancer in the colon and rectum. A colonoscopy enables the physician to see inflamed tissue, growths, ulcers or bleeding.

FLEXIBLE SIGMOIDOSCOPY A flexible sigmoidoscopy lets the physician look at the lower part of your large intestine from the rectum to the sigmoid colon. It is also used to look for early signs of cancer, inflamed tissue, growths, ulcers and bleeding.

ESOPHAGOGASTRODUODENOSCOPY An EGD allows the physician look at the lining of your esophagus (food tube), stomach and duodenum (first portion of your small intestine). This procedure is helpful in determining the causes of abdominal pain, swallowing problems or the presence of ulcers and inflamed tissue.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

- You'll be asked to sign a consent form authorizing your physician to perform any procedure.
- Due to medication, you may feel drowsy and need to sleep after the procedure. Bring a responsible adult to drive you home.
- You'll be asked to remove your eyeglasses, dentures and contact lenses before a procedure begins.
- Notify your physician if you're allergic to medication, or if you're pregnant, before the procedure.
- A biopsy specimen may be taken during a procedure. You won't feel any discomfort when this is performed.
- After the procedure, your physician will discuss the findings with you and your family. You'll receive written instructions to follow at home.

WE PROVIDE A TENDER AND CARING ENVIRONMENT
WHILE USING THE LATEST TECHNOLOGY TO DIAGNOSE
AND TREAT POTENTIAL HEALTH PROBLEMS.



"The Crestwood Medical Center Special Procedures Team is dedicated to providing quality, compassionate care with a personalized touch using cutting edge technology."

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