

## General Surgery– Endoscopy of Colon (Colonoscopy or Flexible Sigmoidoscopy)

### Introduction

You are awaiting a date for your endoscopy. This procedure can be done with sedation and/or with inhalational analgesia (pain relieving gas), sometimes patients don't need any pain relief. You will receive bowel preparation in advance of your procedure.

Your procedure will be done as a day case in the Endoscopy Department, so you will not need to stay in hospital overnight.

### Guidance for Patients

Whilst we apologise that you may be waiting for a prolonged period of time, if your symptoms deteriorate whilst you are waiting for your procedure, please contact the Endoscopy Booking Office on 01246 516002/516455.

### What should I do if my health is deteriorating?

If your general health worsens you may need to seek advice from your GP.

If you feel you no longer need or wish to proceed with your procedure please contact our secretaries who will take you off the waiting list.

### Contact us

Lower GI CAO Team on 01246 513645/513029.