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Colonoscopy: Screening or Diagnostic?

1. **Colonoscopy Categories:**

- **Diagnostic/Therapeutic Colonoscopy:** Patient has past and/or present gastrointestinal symptoms, polyps, GI disease, iron deficiency anemia and/or any other abnormal tests.
- **Surveillance/High Risk Screening Colonoscopy:** Patient is asymptomatic (no gastrointestinal symptoms either past or present), has a personal history of GI disease, personal and/or family history of colon polyps, and/or cancer. Patients in this category are required to undergo colonoscopy surveillance at shortened intervals (e.g. every 2-5 years)
- **Preventative Colonoscopy Screening Diagnosis:** Patient is asymptomatic (no gastrointestinal symptoms either past or present), over the age of 50, has no personal or family history of GI disease, colon polyps, and/or cancer. The patient has not undergone a colonoscopy within the last ten years.

2. **Who will be me?** You may receive bills for separate entities associated with your procedures such as the physician, facility, anesthesia, pathologist, and/or laboratory. We can only provide you with information associated with our fees.
3. **Can the physician change, add, or delete my diagnosis so that I can be considered a colon screening?** NO!! The patient encounter is documented as a medical record form information you have provided. It is a binding legal document that cannot be changed to facilitate better insurance coverage.
4. **How will I know what I owe?** You should call your insurance company to inquire about any out of pocket expenses associated with your procedure.

Patient Signature

Date