

## **Disclosure of Interest in Referral Facilities or Clinical Laboratories Gastroenterology Associates of Northern Virginia**

Dear Patient,

The doctors of Gastroenterology Associates of Northern Virginia (GANV) strive to make your endoscopy/colonoscopy experience safe and comfortable. To that end, the doctors listed at the bottom of this page have invested and maintained a material financial interest in several facilities so we can maintain the quality care that you deserve. These investments are:

- 1) Javier Road Endoscopy Center and the exclusive anesthesia provider at that location, Capital Anesthesia Group.
- 2) The Chantilly endoscopy center (N. VA Center for Gastrointestinal Endoscopy – NVCGE) and the exclusive anesthesia provider at that location, Dominion Anesthesia.
- 3) Maya Labs. CAP and CLIA accredited, and licensed in the state of Virginia. This local pathology lab processes most of the biopsy specimens from both the endoscopy centers above. Some insurers have arrangements with other pathology labs. If that is the case, we send your specimens to insurer-authorized labs that we've chosen for their quality, even if it is out of state.
- 4) We've partnered with the local hospital system and have a financial interest in two additional endoscopy centers: INOVA McLean Surgical Center and INOVA N. VA Surgical Center located on the Fair Oaks Hospital campus. We have no financial interest in the anesthesia group or pathology services used by these two centers.
- 5) The Doctors of GANV have privileges to perform endoscopy at these facilities, but have no financial relationship with them: Woodburn Surgical Center, Fairfax Hospital, Fair Oaks Hospital and Stone Springs Hospital

We are required by Virginia law to notify you of these financial relationships so you may make an informed choice. Virginia law doesn't prohibit our financial interest in these entities and facilities but only requires this disclosure to you. You may receive the above services from other suppliers in our community. It is your right to request that your procedure be done through an entity or at a facility where a financial relationship does not exist with your physician. This notice is being given to you prior to the referral so you are aware of your options.

Please notify us of your choice if you want a different entity or facility for your health services when you are scheduling your procedure. If you already have a procedure scheduled, please call no later than a week before the scheduled date to request another date or location. (703) 698-8960. Ask for procedure scheduling. Thank you.

Sincerely,

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Signature of Patient or Patient Representative

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Date

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Print Name of Patient or Patient Representative

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Date of Birth