

To all our patients at Medical Center Endoscopy,

Your health and safety is our primary concern. In this regard, the recent report from Los Angeles of bacterial infections complicating endoscopic procedures is quite concerning. Thankfully, bacterial infections from improperly cleaned instruments is extremely rare.

Please be aware of two important points. First, the reported bacterial contamination appears to have occurred in a specific part of a specific instrument (duodenoscope) used for Endoscopic Retrograde CholangioPancreatography or ERCP. This instrument is not used at this facility; this procedure is not performed at this facility. Second, our endoscopes and colonoscopes undergo manual cleaning followed by high-level disinfection using well maintained Medivator Automated Endoscope Reprocessors that verify completed cleaning cycles. Our testing devices measure microbial contamination of any surface within 15 seconds.

Since opening our doors in 1998, our doctors have performed more than 200,000 procedures. We have never had a bacterial infection from a contaminated or improperly cleaned instrument. Our physicians and staff remain committed to this, and many other safety standards.

Medical Center Endoscopy has been licensed by the Texas Department of Health as an Ambulatory Surgery Center since 1998. We have been accredited by the Association for Ambulatory Health Care, Inc. since 2005. In 2009, we became the first center in Houston to receive official recognition from the American Society of Gastrointestinal Endoscopy (ASGE) for promoting quality measures.