I'm Having a Procedure in Endoscopy!

What is Endoscopy?

- You will be given a special sleeping medicine (anesthesia) before the
 doctor begins this procedure. Don't worry; you won't feel anything
 while you are sleeping.
- Endoscopy is the procedure that uses a small, flexible tube with a light and a camera lens at the end (endoscope) to examine the inside of the digestive tract.
- The camera sends color pictures of the inside of your esophagus (food-pipe), stomach, small intestine, the colon (bowel), and the rectum to a video screen (looks like a TV screen).
- The doctor is also able to perform a biopsy (remove a small sample of tissue) or other minor procedure using small instruments inserted through the endoscope.

Types of Endoscopy

- Gastroscopy- looking at the lining of the stomach
- Sigmoidoscopy-looking at the rectum and sigmoid colon
- Colonoscopy-looking inside the large intestine, from the rectum to the lower end of the small intestine.

Why do I need this done?

- Stomach pain that won't go away.
- Feeling bloated (full of air)
- Nausea/vomiting
- Heartburn
- Difficulty swallowing
- Stool (poop) that is black or with blood
- Loss of appetite/weight
- Change in bowel (pooping) habits.

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