

Brooklyn Gastroenterology and Endoscopy PLLC

Financial Policy

Brooklyn Gastroenterology and Endoscopy PLLC, is a for-profit Gastroenterology Office dedicated to providing gastroenterologists, anesthesiologists, pathologists, dieticians, psychotherapists and patients a safe and effective environment for the evaluation and treatment of diseases of the gastrointestinal tract. The office also provides the medical home for documentation and billing of procedures performed in The Greater New York Endoscopy Surgical Center as well as area hospitals for which doctors are affiliated. The office will bill professional fees for the work of the physicians of the group which may include pathology, anesthesiology and ultrasound. There may even be bills generated for the laboratory and ultrasound technical fees. All bills generated are only for work to be performed. If you feel that you are being billed falsely, you must contact the Medical Director, Dr. Tenner at 516-316-0830 or your insurance carrier.

Billing, payment, collection and participation with carriers may differ considerably between the facility and physician involved in the procedures at the facility. You are responsible to determine the benefits, copays and deductibles of your insurance. Our office will assist you if you request our office to determine the extent of your coverage and personal financial liability.

A professional attitude shall be used whenever communicating with patients and insurance companies regarding payment for services rendered. Appropriate staff will assure that the patient understands the implications of his insurance coverage, if any and the resulting personal financial obligation and responsibility for payment for services rendered.

As you know, the world of health insurance has become increasingly confusing and complex for patients and physicians alike. For this reason, we would like to bring to your attention that we are legally required to bill you for any applicable co-payments or co-insurance and/or deductibles which your insurance plan requires you to personally pay under the terms of your insurance policy according to the State of New York Insurance.

The Federal and State governmental agencies that oversee the health insurance industry have consistently taken the position that the routine waiver of co-payments and co-insurance by healthcare providers may constitute insurance fraud by the insured and the physician. Within 6 months of receiving a response from your carrier, you will receive a "balance bill". These amounts reflect that portion of our facility fees which were not paid by your insurance company and that remain as your personal responsibility. According to the State of New York Insurance Department, a decision in the exercise of business judgment by a physician not to pursue the full legal remedies available to collect a debt would not constitute insurance fraud. If payment of your full outstanding balance is not financially feasible for you at this time, please call our office and we will try to work out a mutually-agreeable payment plan that you can afford to pay over a reasonable period of time.

For patients who have a sizable financial obligation after payment by insurance, or for patients who have no insurance coverage, a payment contract or the use of a credit card may offer the opportunity to satisfy the financial obligation. For those patients wishing to satisfy their balance due via a financial agreement, the patient or responsible party will be required to sign a contract prior to the procedure. Patient or responsible party will be given a copy of the signed agreement, and the original will be maintained by the Accounts Receivable Office.

Hospital Affiliations

Dr. Scott Tenner: Maimonides Medical Center; SUNY Downstate

Dr. Robin Baradaran: Mount Sinai Beth Israel, Brooklyn

Dr. Jack Braha: Mount Sinai Beth Israel, Brooklyn

Dr. Sofia Novak: Mount Sinai Beth Israel, Brooklyn

Dr. Mila Tempel: Maimonides Medical Center

Dr. Sam Weissman: Interfaith Medical Center; New York Methodist Hospital

Dr. Wael El Darawy: New York Methodist Hospital

Dr. Boris Chusid: Lenox Hill Hospital; Meadowlands Hospital, New Jersey

Dr. Jean Atallah-Vinograd: Mount Sinai Beth Israel, Brooklyn; Lutheran Medical Center, Brooklyn

Dr. Gulam M. Khan: Woodhull Medical Center, Brooklyn

Other Providers

Anesthesia:

Greater New York Endoscopy Surgical Center

2211 Emmons Avenue

Brooklyn, New York 11235

718-954-3535 (Phone)

Dr. Kevin Pollak

Dr. Wagih Sawaris

Dr. Mwata Dyson

Dr. Roger Spencer

Dr. Vyachislav Abayev

Dr. Walaa B. Housny

Dr. Prabhakar Veeramachaneni

Dr. Sultan Said

Pathology:

Dr. Sheryl Brustein & Dr Qinghu Ren
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Brooklyn, New York 11235
718-954-3535 (Phone)

Laboratory:

Quest Diagnostics
1 Malcolm Avenue
Teterboro, New Jersey 07608-1070
1-866-697-8378

Shiel Medical Laboratory
Brooklyn Navy Yard Building 292
63 Flushing Avenue
Brooklyn, NY 11205
718-552-1000
1-800-553-0873

Radiology:

Select Diagnostic Imaging
2350 Ocean Avenue Suite 4
Brooklyn, NY 11229
718-676-4550
Fax: 718-676-4557
Dr Farzam Kashanian , Medical Director

Bay Ridge Medical Imaging
7601 4th avenue
Brooklyn, NY 11209
718-238-7000
Fax: 718-238-7005

Lerman Diagnostic Imaging
6511 Fort Hamilton Parkway
Brooklyn, NY 11219
718-491-4545
Fax: 718-491-4123
Jay Lerman, MD, Board Certified Radiologist

Kingsway Diagnostic Imaging
3131 Kings Highway Suite A4
Brooklyn, NY 11234
718-758-1500
Fax: 718-758-2400

Highway Imaging Associates
2095 Flatbush Avenue
Brooklyn, NY 11234
718-338-6868
Fax: 718-252-3650
Alan Berlly, MD, DABR
David Rosenthal, MD, ABNM
Nirupa Harin, MD, DABR, ABNM
Ralph Pinchinat, MD, DABR

Doshi Diagnostic Imaging Services
6740 3rd Avenue
Brooklyn, NY 11220
718-491-5822
Fax: 718-491-7800
*other locations available, as pertains to convenience of patient

Marine Park Radiology P.C.
2270 Kimball Street-Suite 102
Brooklyn, NY 11234
718-253-6616
Fax: 718-253-7059
John Ibarra, MD
Richard Steinberg, MD
Board Certified Radiologist

Participating health plans of providers and hospital affiliations, if not already stated on our website, can be disclosed to you in-office or by phone when you make an appointment for services.

The amount or estimated amount for services rendered is available upon request. Upon receipt of a request, the amount or estimated amount that will be billed absent unforeseen medical circumstances that may arise when the health care services are provided will be made available. You may request this by providing the following form to our office receptionists, and they will gladly assist you.

Brooklyn Gastroenterology and Endoscopy, PLLC.
2211 Emmons Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11235
718-368-2960
www.NYGICARE.com

Dear Patient,

Your scheduled provider does not participate in the network of your health care plan. The amount or estimated amount that our practice will bill you for non-emergency services is available upon request.

Non-emergency service scheduled: _____

I request receipt of the amount or estimated amount that I will be billed for the non-emergency services

_____ (Your Initials)

- Initial Office Visit Consultation \$ _____
- Follow-Up Office Visit Consultation \$ _____
- Abdominal Sonogram \$ _____
- Vaccinations: \$ _____
- Laboratory Tests : subject to laboratory prices and tests ordered
- Vaccinations: \$ _____
- For Procedures:
- Pathology: \$ _____
- Anesthesia: \$ _____
- Facility Fee (GNYESC): \$ _____
- Professional Fee: \$ _____
- Other: _____
- _____

Acknowledgment of Receipt

Signature _____ Date _____

If Legal Representative, indicate relationship to patient: _____

Patient Name _____

Name of Legal Representative _____

Participating Health Plans (organized by physician)

Dr. Scott Tenner	Dr. Robin Baradaran	Dr. Jack Braha	Dr. Boris Chusid	Dr. Wael Eldarawy	Dr. Sam Weissman	Dr. Sofia Novak	Dr. Mila Tempel	Dr Jean Atallah-Vinograd	Dr Gulam Khan
-1199 -Aetna PPO (Out of Network only) Amerigroup Medicare/MCD -Ameri-choice -BCBS -CCM -GHI -Empire Plan (UHC)*out of network ONLY -Elderplan -Fidelis -Guardian -H.D.A. -Healthfirst -Healthplus -Health -Republic -HIP -HIP -Heritage -HIP Select EPO/PPO -Healthcare Partners -Liberty Health Advantage -Magnacare -Multiplan -Metroplus -Medicare -Metroplus -Medicare -Medicaid -Oxford HMO/PPO -PHCS -Touchstone -UHC HMO/PPO -PHCS -Touchstone -UHC PPO/HMO -UHC Medicare Plan 1 &2	-1199 -Aetna PPO/HMO/EPO -Aetna Community -Amerigroup -Ameri-choice -Ameri-choice -BCBS -CCM -Cigna -CCM -GHI -Empire Plan (UHC) *out of network ONLY -Elderplan -Fidelis -Guardian -H.D.A. -Healthplus -Health -Republic -HIP -HIP -Heritage -HIP Select EPO/PPO -Healthcare Partners -Magnacare -Multiplan -Metroplus -Medicare -Oxford HMO/PPO -PHCS -Touchstone -UHC HMO/PPO -PHCS -Touchstone -UHC PPO/HMO -UHC Medicare Plan 1 &2	-1199 -Aetna PPO/HMO/EPO -Aetna Community -Ameri-choice -BCBS -CCM -GHI *out of network ONLY -Empire Plan (UHC) *out of network ONLY -Elderplan -Fidelis -Healthfirst -Healthplus -Health -Republic -Liberty Health Advantage -Multiplan -Metroplus -Medicare -Medicaid -Oxford HMO/PPO -PHCS -UHC PPO/HMO -UHC Medicare Plan 1 &2	-1199 -Affinity -Aetna PPO/HMO/EPO -Aetna Community -Amerigroup -Ameri-choice -BCBS -CCM -Cigna -GHI -Empire Plan (UHC) *out of network ONLY -Elderplan -Fidelis -Healthfirst -Healthplus -Health -Republic -HIP -HIP Heritage -HIP Select EPO/PPO -Healthcare Partners -Magnacare -Multiplan -Metroplus -Medicare -Medicaid -Oxford HMO/PPO -PHCS -Touchstone -UHC HMO/PPO -PHCS -Touchstone -UHC PPO/HMO -UHC Medicare Plan 1 &2 -UHC Mosaic	-1199 -Affinity -Aetna PPO/HMO/EPO -Amerigroup -Ameri-choice -BCBS -CCM -Cigna -GHI -Empire Plan (UHC) *out of network ONLY -Elderplan -Fidelis -Guardian -Healthfirst -Healthplus -Health -Republic -HIP -HIP Heritage -HIP Select EPO/PPO -Healthcare Partners -Magnacare -Multiplan -Metroplus -Medicare -Medicaid -Oxford HMO/PPO -PHCS -Touchstone -UHC PPO/HMO -UHC Medicare Plan 1 &2	-1199 -Aetna PPO -Amerigroup -Ameri-choice -BCBS -CCM -Cigna -GHI -Empire Plan (UHC) *out of network ONLY -Elderplan -Fidelis -Guardian -Healthfirst -Healthplus -Health -Republic -HIP -HIP -Heritage -HIP Select EPO/PPO -Healthcare Partners -Magnacare -Multiplan -Metroplus -Medicare -Medicaid -Oxford HMO/PPO -PHCS -Touchstone -UHC PPO/HMO -UHC Medicare Plan 1 &2	-1199 -Aetna HMO/EPO/PPO -Aetna Community -Amerigroup -Ameri-choice -BCBS -CCM -Cigna -GHI -Empire Plan (UHC) *out of network ONLY -Elderplan -Fidelis -Guardian -H.D.A. -Healthfirst -Healthplus -Health -HIP -HIP Heritage -HIP Select EPO/PPO -Healthcare Partners -Magnacare -Multiplan -Metroplus -Medicare -Medicaid -Oxford HMO/PPO -PHCS -Touchstone -UHC PPO/HMO -UHC Medicare Plan 1 &2	-1199 -Aetna HMO/EPO/PPO -Amerigroup -Ameri-choice -BCBS -CCM -Cigna -GHI -Empire Plan (UHC) *out of network ONLY -Fidelis -Healthfirst -Healthplus -Health -Republic -HIP -HIP Select EPO/PPO -Multiplan -Metroplus -Medicaid -Oxford HMO/PPO -UHC PPO/HMO	-1199 -Aetna PPO/HMO/EPO -Aetna Community -Amerigroup -Ameri-choice -BCBS -CCM -Cigna -GHI -Empire Plan (UHC) *out of network ONLY -Elderplan -Fidelis -Guardian -H.D.A. -Healthplus -Health -Republic -HIP -HIP Heritage -HIP Select EPO/PPO -Healthcare Partners -Magnacare -Multiplan -Metroplus -Medicaid -Oxford HMO/PPO -PHCS -Touchstone -UHC PPO/HMO -UHC Medicare Plan 1 &2	-1199 -Aetna EPO/PPO/HMO -Amerigroup -Ameri-choice -BCBS -CCM -Cigna -GHI -Empire Plan (UHC) *out of network ONLY -Elderplan -Fidelis -Guardian -H.D.A. -Healthplus -Health -Republic -HIP -HIP Select EPO/PPO -Multiplan -Metroplus -Medicaid -Oxford HMO/PPO -PHCS -Touchstone -UHC PPO/HMO -UHC Medicare Plan 1 &2