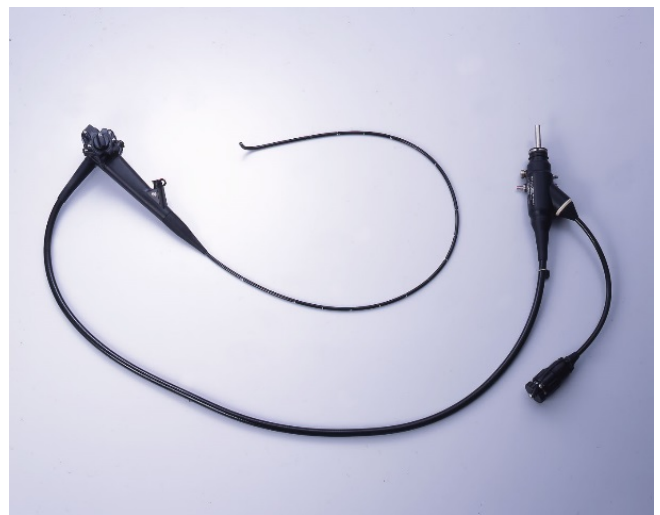


UPPER GI ENDOSCOPY

What is an Upper GI Endoscopy?

- ▶ An upper GI endoscopy is a test your doctor does to see inside part of your digestive system.
 - Your doctor **will look at the inside of your esophagus** (the tube that links your mouth and your stomach), **your stomach and the start of your small intestine.**
- ▶ An upper GI endoscopy uses a long, thin (about the width of your little finger), flexible tube with a tiny camera on the end. This tube and camera gives your doctor a clear view inside your body.
- ▶ An upper GI endoscopy is done by a gastroenterologist, who has special training. An upper GI endoscopy can be done in a hospital or an outpatient office.
- ▶ You will be given medicine to block pain and make you feel sleepy during this test, so **you won't feel much.**
- ▶ In many cases, an upper GI endoscopy is a better test than X-rays, since the doctor is able to see more clearly.



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- ▶ An upper GI endoscopy can be helpful in finding health problems or figuring out the reason you are having certain symptoms, like trouble or pain when swallowing, pain in the stomach, or bleeding.
- ▶ During an upper GI endoscopy, the doctor may take a **biopsy** (small piece of tissue to look at under the microscope). **You won't be able to feel it.**
- ▶ Sometimes, if certain problems are found during the test, tools can be passed through the tube to fix them.



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