The following instructions are your physician's specific instructions. Please follow the instructions carefully to ensure a successful prep.

You can reach Your Patient Advisor with non-medical prep questions at: 800.349.0285

You can reach your physician's office at: 760.783.0441

Special Notes: A&D ointment, patting instead of wiping, flushable moisten wipes, warm wash clothes and a warm bath are all helpful with possible rectal discomfort or tenderness.

Refrigerating the solution and sipping with a straw may make it more tolerable. Take a break if you experience nausea, vomiting or cramping; however, you will need to **complete the entire prep** as instructed to get the best results from your procedure.

7 days prior to procedure ** FILL YOUR

PRESCRIPTION FOR SOLUTION AT YOUR PHARMACY AS SOON AS POSSIBLE**

Purchase clear liquid diet items, ointment, reading material, etc.

5 days prior to procedure

STOP taking
Aspirin, NSAIDS
(non-steroidal antiinflammatory),
blood thinners,
fiber and iron
supplements.
Examples: Motrin,
Ibuprofen,
Naprosyn, Aleve,
Alka Seltzer,
Coumadin, Plavix
and Fish Oil.

You may continue use of Vitamins.
You may take
Tylenol for pain or headache

3 days prior to procedure



STOP eating grains, seeds, nuts, fruit peels or <u>raw</u> vegetable peels until after your procedure.

If you need to cancel/reschedule your procedure, please call (760) 783-0441. A \$100 fee will be charged if you cancel or reschedule within 72 hours of your appointment (Sat & Sun not included)

24 hours prior to procedure

NO SOLID FOODS, CLEAR LIQUIDS* ONLY upon rising, until after your procedure. A clear liquid diet is necessary for a colonoscopy.

6:00 pm take first dose of prep solution

Prep at a Glance

Detailed, step-bystep instructions continue on page 3.

Confirm arrangements with your driver.

Day of procedure

take second dose of prep solution

Nothing by mouth **4 hours prior** to your procedure.

NO GUM OR HARD CANDY

YOU MAY BRUSH YOUR TEETH BUT DO NOT SWALLOW

*If you take daily medication, you may take it with SMALL SIPS OF WATER ONLY, at least 2 hours before your procedure.

*Clear Liquid Diet Details: NO RED NO DAIRY

Approved

Sodas, coffee, tea Clear juices, fitness waters Chicken, vegetable and beef broth Gelatin Popsicles without pulp

Avoid

No milk/dairy No juices with pulp Popsicles with pulp NO RED



















Bowel Prep Frequently Asked Questions

What is a clear stool?

A clear stool can have a slight tint of yellow or brown. It will be completely transparent, and will not contain any solid matter.

I am not having bowel movements, what should I do?

Bowel movements can take up to 5-6 hours after beginning the prep to start. Be patient, continue to drink liquids. If you have not had a bowel movement by midnight the night prior to your procedure, you will need to reach the on call physician for further instructions.

The prep is making me nauseous, what should I do?

If you develop nausea or vomiting, slow down the rate at which you drink the solution. Please attempt to drink all of the laxative solution even if it takes you longer. If vomiting persists, or you are not able to finish the preparation, stop the preparation and call your physician's office for further instructions.

What are some high fiber foods I should avoid?

Raw fruits and vegetables are typically high in fiber, as well as nuts, seeds, whole grain breads and beans and lentils.

What are some good options for low fiber foods?

Choose white bread and white rice for lower fiber options, as well as pastas made with white flour. Chicken, fish, dairy and eggs are also low in fiber and good choices for foods 2-3 days before you begin your prep.

If I eat popcorn or seeds 3 days before my procedure do I need to reschedule?

You will not need to reschedule your procedure, however the seeds or nuts may cause a difficulty in screening and require a need for rescreening. If you have eaten a large amount of seeds or nuts, you may want to contact the nurse or physician.

Can I drink ALCOHOL on the liquid diet?

Alcohol is not allowed as part of the liquid diet.

Can I continue to be on the liquid diet after I begin consuming the laxatives?

Yes, you may continue the liquid diet until you are directed to discontinue anything by mouth, which is typically 4-6 hours prior to the procedure.

Why do I have to wake up at so early for the 2nd dose, can't I take it all the night before?

A split prep has proven to be the most effective for a successful colonoscopy. It is essential that you follow the directions provided with your prep medications.

If I weigh under 100 pounds do I need to take all of the prep?

The liquid amount is not weight dependent. It is important to finish the prep for a successful colonoscopy.



Prep Day: The day before your procedure

No solid foods upon rising, until after your procedure. Drink plenty of water throughout the day to avoid dehydration.

IF YOU ARE DIABETIC: Do not take insulin or diabetic medication the night before your procedure.

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The afternoon the day prior to your procedure

Prepare mix by adding drinking water to the indicated line (4 liters) near the top of the gallon jug. Shake until powder is mixed with the liquid and chill in the refrigerator. You may use any flavor packet that you wish.



6:00 PM the day prior to your procedure

Begin drinking, and drink **HALF OF THE MIXTURE (64 oz.)** Drink an 8 oz. glass of the solution every 10-20 minutes **until gone**.

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Shake the container before pouring each dose.

Continue to drink water, clear soda or clear sports drinks throughout the evening.



If preferred, mix solution ahead of time and refrigerate prior to drinking. The reconstituted solution should be used within 24 hours.



Individual responses to laxatives vary. This preparation will cause multiple bowel movements, stay close to a bathroom.

Prep Day: The day of your procedure

IF YOU ARE DIABETIC: Do not take insulin or diabetic medication the morning of your procedure.

the morning of your procedure

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Begin drinking, and drink **THE REMAINDER OF THE MIXTURE (64 oz.)** Drink an 8 oz. glass of the solution every 10-20 minutes **until gone**.



*It will take approximately 2 hours to finish the solution. Drink EVERY drop, the last glass is the MOST important. Failure to drink <u>all</u> of the solution may result in the incomplete cleansing of the colon and having to reschedule your procedure.



YOUR STOOLS SHOULD BE LIGHT YELLOW OR CLEAR WITH NO PARTICLES. IF THIS IS NOT THE CASE, PLEASE CONTACT YOUR PHYSICIAN.



THE DAY OF YOUR PROCEDURE

- NOTHING TO EAT OR DRINK 4 HOURS PRIOR TO YOUR PROCEDURE. IF YOU EAT OR DRINK WITHIN THIS
 TIME FRAME, YOUR PROCEDURE WILL BE RESCHEDULED AND YOU MAY NEED TO REPEAT THE BOWEL
 PREPARATION.
- You may take all of your regular medication with a sip of water on the day of your procedure.
- You must have a responsible driver to come into the hospital and drive you home after your procedure.
 They must be willing to sign you out. NO TAXIS ALLOWED. The hospital will not release you to a third party driver.
- Be prepared to be at the facility for **approximately** 2 hours from when you check in. Your driver may leave after providing a contact phone number. Your driver will be contacted and will be given 30 minutes to return. Please inform your driver that his is an **approximate** time and you may be at the facility for longer depending on your condition after your procedure.
- Leave all jewelry and valuables at home.
- Bring your insurance cards and be prepared to read and sign paperwork.

If you have any questions or concerns about the preparation, please contact Your Patient Advisor by calling 800-349-0285 or emailing support@yourpatientadvisor.com.

If you have any medical questions or concerns, please contact our office at 760-783-0441

