

## Colonoscopy preparation instructions using NuLytely (Golytely, polyethylene glycol 3350 and electrolytes)

We will contact you by noon the business day prior to your procedure to inform you of your procedure time. If you are not contacted by this time, please call (920) 884-3400 before 4 p.m.

Please follow these instructions carefully as you prepare for your exam.

### Arrange for a designated driver for the day of the exam

A responsible family member or friend **MUST** pick you up from your procedure. You are **NOT ALLOWED** to drive or take a taxi, bus or Uber. **If you do not have a responsible driver (family member or friend) to take you home, your exam will be cancelled.**

### If you are diabetic,

- Contact your prescribing or primary doctor with any questions regarding oral or injectable diabetic medications.
- Drink **regular** clear liquids the day before your colonoscopy instead of sugar free or diet liquids.

### Medications

If you are taking any of the following medications and have not yet received instruction, please call our office at (920) 429-1700. You only need to refrain from taking baby aspirin the morning of the procedure.

- Coumadin/Warfarin/Jantoven
- Xarelto/Rivaroxaban
- Lovenox/Enoxaparin
- Savaysa/Edoxaban
- Pradaxa/Dabigatran
- Eliquis/Apixaban
- Brilinta/Ticagrelor
- Effient/Prasurgel
- Plavix/Clopidogrel

### Five days before your colonoscopy

Pick up your bowel preparation prescription at your preferred local pharmacy. Please call our

office at (920) 429-1700 if your pharmacy does not have the prescription. In addition, within the five day window before your procedure,

- If you go three days without a bowel movement, purchase 18 senna (8.6 mg) over-the-counter tablets.
- Do **NOT** take medications that stop diarrhea such as Imodium, Kaopectate or Pepto Bismol.
- Do **NOT** take fiber supplements such as Metamucil, Citrucel or Perdiem.
- Do **NOT** take products that contain iron such as multi-vitamins.

### Three days before your colonoscopy

- Do **NOT** eat high-fiber foods such as popcorn, beans, seeds (flax, sunflower, quinoa), multigrain bread or nuts.
- Limit salad/vegetables, fresh and dried fruit to 1-2 servings per day.
- Avoid any fruits/vegetables with seeds such as tomatoes or strawberries. Avoid corn.

### One day before your colonoscopy

- **Only drink clear liquids the ENTIRE DAY before your procedure. Do NOT eat or drink any solid food.**
- Drink at least eight ounces of clear liquids every hour after waking up (refer to the acceptable clear liquids list).
- **Avoid all red and purple liquids.**
- Do not drink alcohol on the day before or the day of the procedure.

### **When to mix the bowel preparation**

The morning before your procedure add tap water to the bowel preparation container and shake well. You may add the flavor packet that comes with the bowel preparation *OR* add 6 single packets of lemonade Crystal Light. Place the bowel preparation in the refrigerator after it is mixed.

### **When to drink the bowel preparation**

- Start drinking the bowel preparation as early as 2 p.m. or as late as 5 p.m.
- Drink an 8 ounce glass of bowel preparation every 20 minutes until your diarrhea is clear yellow. Call our office at (920) 429-1700 if you do not have any remaining bowel preparation.
- Refrigerate the leftover solution. Continue with the clear liquid diet **only until midnight.**

### **If you go three days without a bowel**

**movement**, take senna tablets the day before your colonoscopy.

- Take six senna tablets at 9 a.m.
- Take six senna tablets at 1 p.m.
- Take six senna tablets at 6 p.m.

### **Morning of your colonoscopy**

- **Four hours prior to your arrival time**, start drinking 8 ounces of the remaining bowel preparation every 10 minutes until it is gone. You **MUST** drink all of the bowel preparation to ensure your colon is clear of all stool. If your stool is not clear yellow your procedure may need to be rescheduled.
- After finishing the bowel preparation you may have **ONE** 8 ounce glass of water, if needed, three hours prior to your arrival time. After this time, do not eat or drink anything one hour prior to your arrival time (including gum, mints or hard candy).
- With the exception of any blood pressure or anti-seizure medications, do

**NOT** take any prescribed and over-the-counter medications the morning of the procedure. You may use any eye drops and inhalers as usual.

- It is hospital policy that any female, age 10-55, have a pregnancy test prior to the procedure. This will be administered at the hospital.
- Upon arrival at the hospital, check-in at **First Floor Registration.**

### **Comfort items**

You may experience skin irritation around the anus due to the passage of liquid stools. Follow these recommendations to prevent and treat skin irritation:

- Apply Vaseline or Desitin ointment to the skin around the anus before drinking the bowel preparation medication.
- Wipe the skin after each bowel movement with disposable wet wipes instead of toilet paper.
- Balneol lotion can be applied to irritated skin between bowel movements and at bedtime for additional comfort.

### **Experiencing problems**

If you feel nauseated or vomit while taking the bowel preparation, wait 30 minutes before drinking more fluid and start with small sips of solution. Some activity such as walking may help decrease the nausea you are feeling. If the nausea persists or if you have any additional questions please call your physician at (920) 429-1700 or toll free at (888) 277-3832. There is a nurse available 24 hours a day.

### **Need to reschedule**

Please contact our central scheduling office at (920) 433-8329 if you need to reschedule. Staff is available Monday through Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Cancellations 48 hours in advance are preferred.



