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## **Gatorade Split Prep**

### **PLEASE READ ALL INSTRUCTIONS ON THE DAY YOU RECEIVE THEM**

Your procedure is scheduled on WHAT IS THE DATE OF THE PROCEDURE with Dr. at. Please arrive at WHAT TIME SHOULD THE PATIENT ARRIVE TO THE CENTER.

Please contact our office if you start a blood thinner or a weight loss medication between the time you scheduled to the day of your appointment.

Please contact our office if you develop Covid or upper respiratory infection between the time you scheduled to the day of your appointment.

Your doctor has referred you for a colonoscopy. Bowel preparation (cleansing) is needed to perform an effective colonoscopy. Recent studies have clearly shown split-dose preparation results in higher quality examinations with increased detection of precancerous polyps. Any stool remaining in the colon can hide lesions and result in the need to repeat the colonoscopy. It is critical that you follow the instructions as directed.

If you are of child-bearing potential, please contact your doctor to arrange for urine pregnancy test 7 days prior to your procedure. If you are certain you could not be pregnant, and prefer to refrain from prescribed testing, you may sign a pregnancy waiver the day of the procedure confirming you could not be pregnant.

IF YOU MUST CANCEL YOUR PROCEDURE, PLEASE CALL OUR OFFICE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AT 402-397-7057.

### **FIVE DAYS BEFORE YOUR PROCEDURE**

**\*PURCHASE THE FOLLOWING OVER-THE-COUNTER SUPPLIES:**

--Gatorade, Minimum of 64oz (avoid red, blue or purple Gatorade)

--A quantity of four Dulcolax Laxative 5mg tablets

--One 238 gram bottle of Miralax

**\*Become familiar with all prep instructions and contact our office with any questions.**

**\*Remember to stop medications that you were previously instructed to hold. (This does not apply to all patients, only those who have been directed to hold specific medications).**

**\*Refrain from eating all types of nuts, popcorn, seeds and granola 5 days prior to the procedure.**

**\*STOP: All Herbal supplements, no Curcumin/Turmeric, vitamins, stool bulking agents, such as Metamucil or Citrucel, and Iron supplements**

**\*DO NOT STOP \* If you have been told by a physician to take aspirin daily---continue to take it.**

## **THE DAY BEFORE YOUR COLONOSCOPY**

**\*UPON AWAKENING BEGIN FOLLOWING CLEAR LIQUID DIET-** A clear liquid diet is described as "a drink you can see through." **DO NOT CONSUME LIQUIDS THAT ARE RED, PURPLE OR BLUE IN COLOR.** Drink clear liquids every hour throughout the day from the list that follows:

- Clear fruit juices (white grape or apple juice)
- Water, tea or coffee (without cream)
- Kool-Aid or PowerAde
- Clear soup, broth or bouillon
- Popsicles
- Hard candies
- Soda pop (7-up, Sprite, regular or diet Pepsi/Coke, Ginger Ale, Orange Soda)
- Jell-O

**\* NO SOLID FOOD - NO ALCOHOL - NO RECREATIONAL DRUG USE**

**FOR DIABETIC PATIENTS:** Please consume clear liquids that are not sugar free. This will give you calories to assist with your blood sugar levels.

**\*Follow the steps listed below:**

**\* 1:00 PM**

-- Take all four Dulcolax tablets with water.

**\* 4:00 PM**

--Mix 1/2 bottle of Miralax with 32 ounces of Gatorade. Shake the solution until fully dissolved. Drink an 8 ounce glass every 30 minutes until the solution is gone.

--Mix the remaining 1/2 bottle of Miralax and another 32 ounces of Gatorade and place in the fridge.

**\* You may continue to drink clear liquids until you go to bed.**

## **THE DAY OF COLONOSCOPY**

**\*NO SOLID FOOD- NO ALCOHOL- NO RECREATIONAL DRUG USE - NO CHEWING/SMOKELESS TOBACCO PRODUCTS.**

**\*Six hours prior to arrival for your procedure, begin drinking the second half of prep until finished. The solution must be completely finished four hours prior to arrival to facility.**

**\*Your bowel movements should be clear yellow liquid. They will look like urine or lemonade. If your bowel movements are still brown and haven't been clear, please call our office at 402-397-7057. This line is answered 24 hours a day.**

**\*You may take morning medications before 6:00 AM with a few sips of water. (please refer to "Special Instruction" sheet if you are diabetic).**

**\*TAKE NOTHING ELSE BY MOUTH AFTER YOU HAVE FINISHED THE GATORADE WITH MIRALAX PREP.**

**\*You must have a driver to take you home. Ideally, it is preferred that you have someone drive you to the facility, WAIT while you have your procedure, and then accept responsibility for your dismissal upon leaving the facility. During the check-in process, you will be expected to validate your responsible driver in the event your driver does not present at check-in. If this validation process cannot occur, your procedure will be canceled. PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION IS NOT AN ACCEPTABLE FORM OF TRANSPORTATION FOLLOWING YOUR PROCEDURE UNLESS ACCOMPANIED BY A RESPONSIBLE ADULT WHO HAS A VALID DRIVER'S LICENSE. If you are scheduled at a hospital please know individual hospital policies may require you to have a responsible party stay with you for twenty-four hours.**

## **FOLLOWING YOUR COLONOSCOPY**

**\*DRINK 8 OUNCES OF LIQUID SIX TIMES BEFORE RETIRING FOR THE NIGHT.**

**\*Do not drive, operate machinery, return to work or make important decisions for the remainder of the day.**

**\*You may resume normal activities the next day unless the doctor states otherwise.**

## **FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS**

### **Why do I have to drink my prep at two different times?**

Recent studies have clearly shown split-dose preparation results in higher quality examinations with increased detection of precancerous polyps.

### **What if I feel like I am going to vomit if I drink another glass of prep or what if I start to vomit while drinking the prep**

Stop drinking prep for 30-45 minutes until symptoms subside, then resume prep.

### **What if I drink all of the prep and I do not have a bowel movement**

If no stool by 9:00 PM, you should use a fleets enema. This can be purchased over the counter at any pharmacy. If still no results, call the doctor who will be performing your colonoscopy at 402-397-7057.

### **If I have clear colored stool return after consuming 1st half of the prep do I have to drink the 2nd half of the prep?**

Yes, it is important you drink the entire prep. Digestion continues throughout the night requiring the second half of the prep to be drank to ensure best results.

### **What should my bowel movements look like after I drink all of the prep solution**

Your bowel movements should be clear yellow liquid. They will look like urine or lemonade. If your bowel movements are still brown and haven't been clear, please call our office at 402-397-7057. This line is answered 24 hours a day.

### **What if I have rectal discomfort**

You may apply petroleum based product or diaper rash ointment to the rectal area if you experience discomfort from frequent stools.

### **Does my driver have to stay with me during the procedure**

If your driver does not wish to remain in the lobby, a contact number can be given to the nursing staff. These arrangements must be made during the check-in process or your procedure will be canceled. Typically, the driver can return two hours after they drop you off or they can be called prior to your dismissal time. Public transportation can only be used if you are accompanied by a responsible adult who has a valid driver's license.

### **Can I eat after my procedure**

Usually you may resume your normal diet unless otherwise instructed.

### **Will I be asleep for my procedure**

In the procedure room an anesthesia provider will position you comfortably and give you medications through an IV, known as MAC anesthesia, to cause relaxation and sedation. This will cause you to fall asleep but you can breathe on your own and will wake quickly. Based on your individual procedure and

medical history you and your GI physician may determine to use an anesthetic known as moderate sedation (twilight sedation) or even no sedation at all, as appropriate.

## **WHAT TO BRING TO YOUR PROCEDURE**

\*Completed forms from Midwest Endoscopy Services, Lakeside Endoscopy Center or Methodist Endoscopy Center ONLY if your procedure is at one of these locations.

\*The first and last name of all doctors you want to receive a copy of your procedure report.

\*A responsible adult to drive you home. It will be mandated and enforced that you have someone to accept responsibility for your dismissal and provide you transportation home. No exceptions will be made to the Center's policy. Sedation is given during your procedure and impairs your ability to drive and make decisions. IF YOU HAVE NOT ARRANGED FOR SOMEONE TO DRIVE YOU HOME, YOUR PROCEDURE WILL BE CANCELED.

\*Your insurance card and photo ID

## **WHAT TO WEAR TO YOUR PROCEDURE**

\*Wear comfortable, loose fitting clothing. Wear flat shoes or tennis shoes. Please leave jewelry and valuables at home.

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