Clear Liquid Diet Guidelines for Diabetics patients having a Colonoscopy Procedure

For people with diabetes, any procedure that causes you to miss a meal or change your usual meal plan will require special planning to safely manage blood glucose.

- Schedule the appointment early in the day so you can eat afterwards and take your medication as close to the usual time as possible.
- Check blood sugars before each meal and at bedtime (or as instructed by your doctor) the day before and the day of the procedure.
- Be sure to check blood sugars if you feel symptoms of hypoglycemia (shakiness, sweating, and irritability) at any time.

Drink clear liquids the day before your procedure. **If you are scheduled for an EGD do not follow Clear liquid diet **

Aim for 45 grams of carbohydrate at meals and 15-30 grams of carbohydrate for snacks. Avoid clear liquids that are red, blue or purple in color.

	Grams of
Food/Beverage Choice	Carbohydrate
Apple juice (4 ounces)	15 grams
White grape juice (4 ounces)	20 grams
Regular clear soda (4 ounces)	13 grams
Sports drink such as Gatorade (8 ounces)	14 grams
Gelatin (Jell-O), sweetened (1/2 cup)	15 grams
Orange popsicles or ice pops (read label for portion size)	15 grams
Italian ice, not sherbet (read label for portion size)	30 grams
Sugar, 1 teaspoon or packet	4 grams

Food/Beverage choices containing zero (0) carbohydrate:

- Fat-free broth
- Diet clear soda
- Unsweetened or diet tea

- Seltzer water
- Flavored water
- Coffee (black)

SAMPLE MENU			
BREAKFAST	LUNCH	DINNER	
½ cup apple or white grape juice 1 cup regular sweetened gelatin	1 cup fat-free broth ½ cup Italian ice 1 cup regular sweetened gelatin	1 cup fat-free broth ½ cup apple or white grape juice 1 cup regular sweetened gelatin	
Black coffee	Unsweetened or diet tea	Unsweetened or diet tea	

Guidelines for Pre-operative Weight Loss and Diabetes Medication Dosing

If your medication is not listed or if you have any questions, please contact the physician that prescribes your diabetic medication(s).

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Oral Agents and Non-Insulin Injectables	Before Surgery	Day of Surgery	
Alpha-glucosidase inhibitors: Acarbose (Precose),			
Miglitol(Glyset)	Take your usual dose		
Amylin analog: Pramlintide (Symlin)			
DPP-IV inhibitors: Sitagliptin (Januvia), Saxagliptin (Ongllyza),			
Linagliptin (Tradjenta), Alogliptin (Nesina)			
Incretin mimitecs (GLP1 Receptor Agonists): Exenatide			
(Byetta), Liraglutide (Victoza, Saxedena), Lixsenatide (Adlyxin),	Hold for 7 days prior	HOLD Do not take any prior	
Exenatide XR (Bydureon), Dulaglutide (Trulicity), Semiglutide			
(Ozempic, Rybelsius, Wegovy), Mounjaro (tirzepatide),			
Zepbound			
ANY Combination oral diabetes medication (Glucovance,		to procedure. Resume	
Avandaryl, Metaglip, Glucovance, Janumet)		normal doses once you are eating solid food.	
Meglitinides: Repaglinide (Parndin), Nateglinide (Starlix)			
Metformin: (Glucophage)	HOLD 1 day prior		
Sulfonylureas: Glyburide, Glipizide, Glimepriride (Amaryl)			
Thiazolidinediones: Rosiglitazone (Avandia),			
Pioglitazone (Actos)			
SGLT2 inhibitors: Canagliflozin (Invokana), Dapagliflozin	LIOLD 4 days		
(Farxiga), Empagliflozin (Jardiance), Ertugliflozin	HOLD 4 days		
(Steglatro), Xigduo, Synjardy, Bexagliflozin (Brenzawy)	prior		
Appetite Suppressants Phentermine: (Adipex, Suprenza) and	HOLD 14 days		
Phentermine/Topiramate (Qsymia)	prior		
Insulins	Before Surgery	Day of Surgery	
Basal: Glargine (Basaglar, Lantus, Semglee, Toujeo, Rezvoglar),	Take 1/2 the	Take 1/2 the usual dose prior	
Detemir (Levemir), Degludec (Tresiba)		to procedure. Resume usual	
Basal/Incretin combo: Glargine/Lixisenatide (Soliqua),	usual dose	dose when eating solid	
Degludec/Liraglutide (Xultophy)		foods.	
Rapid Acting: Aspart (Novolog, Fiasp), Lispro (Humalog,			
Admelog, Lyumjev), Glulisine (Apidra)			
Regular: Humulin R, Novolin R, ReliOn R			
NPH: Humulin N, Novolin N, ReliON N		Do not take prior to	
Pre-mixed with Regular: Humulin 70/30, Novolin 70/30,	Tako 1/2 +ho	procedure. Resume usual	
ReliOn 70/30	Take 1/2 the usual dose	dose when eating solid	
Pre-mixed with Rapid Acting: Humalog 75/25 or 50/50,		foods.	
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Novolog 70/30 CONCENTRATED Regular U-500 (Humulin U-500)		100d3.	

If you have an insulin pump, follow your off pump plan. If your glucose starts to run low use a temporarty basal of minus 20% or contact your endrocrinologist.