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Colonoscopy and Prep Instructions

Your procedure is scheduled on		Time:				
Please arrive <u>1 hour prior</u> to your procedure time.						
Location of procedure:						
Mid-Atlantic Endoscopy Center Metro Professional Bldg. 4923 Ogletown-Stanton Rd. (Rt. 4) Ste 100 Newark, DE 19713 302-993-0310	Ei 20 N	lasgow Medical Center ntrance 3, 2 nd Floor 500 Glasgow Ave. ewark, DE 19702 02-836-8350				
Christiana Hospital GI Lab Station 5 4755 Ogletown-Stanton Rd. Newark, DE 19718 302-733-1400	12 W	rsht Surgicenter at Wilmington Hospital 2 th & Jefferson Streets (ilmington, DE 19801 D2-255-1000				
Important	: Transporta	tion Note				
Patients <u>cannot</u> drive a vehicle for the All patients must be accompanied by a after the exam. The colonoscopy may only ride home in a taxi or bus if they a	responsible a not begin unt	adult who can drive him/her home ill the driver is present. Patients may				

Please review the following Prep Instructions at least one week prior to your procedure, if possible. The majority of the activity takes place the day before your procedure.

For Video Prep Instructions, please visit:

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Colonoscopy Bowel Prep Instructions

I. Introduction/Overview

A complete cleansing of the bowel is the most important preparation for an accurate colonoscopy exam. While colon preps are never fun, we have made our prep as simple and effective as possible to ensure a high quality exam. The table below provides an overview of the prep process. The prep details then follow the table.

One week	Two days	PREP DAY:	EXAM DAY
before exam	before exam	The day before exam	
Stop certain medications	Avoid high- residue foods	Low-residue breakfast, then start Clear liquid diet and perform cleansing prep	Final laxative dose, then <u>Nothing by Mouth within 4</u> <u>hrs of exam</u>

II. The Week Before your Colonoscopy

A. One Week before exam: Stop taking the following medications:

<u>ASPIRIN</u> or related NSAIDs, for example bufferin, ecotrin, alleve, naprosyn, motrin, ibuprofen, sulindac. Tylenol or Acetaminophen are ok.

PLAVIX (only if your Cardiologist or Primary Physician approves)

COUMADIN (only if your Cardiologist or Primary Physician approves)

IRON-containing vitamins and medications.

FIBER SUPPLEMENTS such as Metamucil, Fibercon, Citrucel

Note: If your doctor <u>does not</u> allow you to temporarily stop Aspirin, Plavix, and/or Coumadin, <u>please notify your GI doctor immediately</u> so they can decide how to proceed.

B. Two days before exam: Avoid high-residue foods:

Avoid fresh and dried fruit, vegetables, seeds, nuts, cloves, marmalade. <u>Any other type of food is ok</u>. If you make a mistake and eat one of these listed foods, no problem, just continue on with the prep.

III. Prep Day: The day before exam

Overview of the Prep Day						
On Awakening	3 pm	6 pm	9 pm			
After breakfast, take <u>only</u> clear liquids by mouth. No solid food.						
-Low-Residue breakfast (as specified below)	-Take 2 prep pills by mouth	-Drink 8oz of ClearLax drink every 20 mins. until you	-Take 2 more prep pills after finishing 64oz.			
-Then take only clear liquids by mouth. <u>Strictly, No More Solid Food.</u>	-Mix ClearLax (entire bottle) + Crystal Light and add 64oz of water. Chill.	finish the entire 64oz.	-Continue drinking clear liquids as tolerated			

A. **Upon Awakening**

For your comfort, we are allowing a low-residue breakfast on the day before your procedure. (see table below). After breakfast, you are required to maintain a <u>Strict No Solid Food</u> regimen until after your colonoscopy. Instead, start a clear liquid diet (see Clear Liquid List below). Medications by mouth are ok.

Drink as many clear liquids as you want. In fact, drink <u>a lot</u> of clear liquids to avoid dehydration and to make the laxative work better. Please avoid red liquids (examples, red Jell-O[®] or cranberry juice). If you are under fluid restriction, please speak with your doctor to make certain that this prep is right for you.

Low-Residue Breakfast:

Clear Liquid List:

No more than:

- 2 eggs (boiled or fried) or 1 oz. cheese
- 1/2 cup of milk
- 2 slices of white bread/toast
- 1 tsp of butter (if desired)
- Strictly no substitutions!
- Less is ok, but no more than above.

- Gatorade[®], Powerade[®] (sports drinks with electrolytes are recommended to help with hydration)
- Water, tea, or coffee (No cream or milk; sugar is ok)
- Broth from a can
- Jell-O[®], Popsicles[®], water ice (no fruit or cream added)
- Apple, white grape, or white cranberry juice (No orange, tomato, grapefruit, or prune juice)
- Soda such as Sprite[®], 7-Up[®], ginger ale, or any cola
- · Clear hard candy, gum
- Lemonade (with no pulp), iced tea
- Avoid all red liquids—they can look like blood in the colon!

[Note: The timing of the next 3 steps can vary for you convenience. For example, the 3p step may begin as early as 2pm, or as late as 4pm. The earlier you can start, the better your sleep may be at night (fewer overnight bathroom interruptions)

B. <u>3 pm</u>

Take the first 2 (of 4) prep pills by mouth with clear liquids. Then mix the entire bottle of ClearLax powder and the sleeve of Crystal Light (or other drink flavoring of your choosing) with 64oz. of water. Stir until dissolved and chill with ice and/or refrigerate.

C. 6 pm

Begin drinking 8oz glasses of the ClearLax solution every 20 min. until it is finished. Drinking through a straw may help. If you get nauseated or vomit from too much liquid in your stomach, take a 30 min break and start drinking again at 30 min. intervals.

D. <u>9 pm</u>

Take the final 2 prep pills after completing the ClearLax solution. Continue drinking as much clear liquid as you can tolerate.

IV. Your Exam Day

A. At least 4 hrs. prior to your scheduled exam time, (this may be very early morning for early exams times)

Pour the 10oz bottle of MagCitrate over ice and drink as much as you can within 10 mins. Again, drinking through a straw may help. The MagCitrate has an agreeable citrus flavor. You may continue drinking clear liquids only (no solid food) until 4 hrs. prior to your procedure. You may take critical medications (high blood pressure, etc.) with clear liquids up to 4 hours before test.

Important: <u>Nothing by Mouth within 4hrs. of your exam time</u>. This includes clear liquids, candy, and gum. Taking anything by mouth within 4 hrs. of exam will cause a delay or cancellation of your procedure!

Important Note

The Colonoscopy exam is only as good as the colon prep. A good sign that the prep has been effective is the transition to clear, watery bowel movements. If, <u>two (2) hours prior to your scheduled colonoscopy</u> your bowel movements are <u>not</u> clear (that is, if they are still solid or mostly brown), please call us for further instructions at:

302-225-2380 (if before office hours, ask for the GI physician on call)

**Helpful tips:

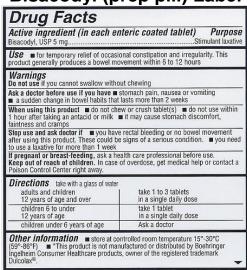
- Many patients find that chilling the laxative and drinking through a straw improve tolerance.
- Use the baby wipes included with the prep instead of toilet paper. A small packet of Vaseline is also included in case of a sore bottom!
- Remain close to toilet facilities as multiple bowel movements may occur. The prep often starts working within 30 minutes but may take as long as 3-6 hours.
- The exact times of the cleansing prep are not important. You may vary the start +/- 2 hr. for your convenience. You may sleep better overnight with an earlier start.
- You may take oral medications with water during the prep and up to 4 hours before test.

**Diabetic patients:

- Important: Please contact your doctor to be sure this prep is appropriate for you.
- Hold your diabetic medication the morning of the test.
- Use sugar free drinks for liquids (like Crystal Light) during the prep (to avoid increase in blood sugar) and monitor your blood sugar closely to prevent low blood sugar).

FDA labels for items not in FDA packaging

Bisacodyl (prep pill) Label





Crystal Light Label

