



COLONOSCOPY STANDARD PREP INSTRUCTIONS

Appt times between 7:00 a.m. and 11:30 a.m.

****Please arrive at the facility at your scheduled time of arrival. This is usually 1 hour before your scheduled procedure time. You may have a short wait after arrival and completion of your paperwork at the facility.**

****A good colonoscopy preparation will allow a thorough inspection of your entire colon and provide the best results. You should have clear to yellow liquid bowel movements after completion of your prep. If you feel your prep was inadequate or have any questions regarding these instructions, please call 314-543-5200.**

Items you will need (available over the counter):

MiraLax or Glycolax, 1 bottle (238 grams)

-Dulcolax laxative, 2 tablets (not the stool softener)

-Magnesium Citrate, 10-ounce bottle

-48 ounces of clear liquid of your choice (Gatorade, Crystal Light, water, Propel, Vitamin Water, lemonade, tea, etc.) **Nothing red, purple, or carbonated.**

5 days prior to your procedure:

Please avoid the consumption of seeds, nuts, corn, popcorn, raw fruits and raw vegetables for 5 days prior to your procedure.

On the day BEFORE your procedure:

-NO SOLID FOOD

-Drink clear liquids ONLY starting the day prior to your procedure (water, flavored water, apple juice, white grape juice, lemonade, Gatorade, chicken or beef broth or bouillon, tea, coffee without milk or creamer, clear juice without pulp, Jell-O, popsicles and other clear flavored drinks). Avoid purple or red colors. No carbonated beverages.

-At 4:00 p.m., take 2 Dulcolax laxative tablets by mouth

-At 4:30 p.m., drink 10-ounces Magnesium Citrate

-At 6:00 p.m., mix one bottle of MiraLax or Glycolax (238 grams) in 48 ounces of clear liquid of your choice (Gatorade, Crystal Light, water, Propel, Vitamin Water, lemonade, tea, etc.)

-Drink 8 ounces every 15-20 minutes. You may take as long as you need to drink the entire MiraLax/Glycolax solution.

-DO NOT have anything by mouth after midnight until after your procedure is completed. This includes all food, liquids, gum, candy, mints and chewing tobacco. The only exception is a sip of water with your necessary medications. If you are scheduled after 1:00 p.m., you may have clear liquids up to 4 hours prior to your procedure. Failure to follow these instructions may result in your procedure being cancelled.

After following the steps above, if you are not having clear to yellow liquid bowel movements please take 2 additional Dulcolax before bed.

Procedure day:

- Do not have anything by mouth until after your procedure is completed (see above instructions). -You may take your heart, blood pressure, anxiety, and asthma/lung medications with just enough water to the get the medication down (less than 3 ounces). Bring inhalers with you.
- If you are diabetic, NO INSULIN or ORAL diabetic medication the morning of your procedure.

If you wear an Insulin pump, please contact your endocrinologist for instructions regarding your dose. -NO DRIVING the day of your procedure due to sedation. You must have a responsible adult with you to drive you home. The use of a cab or ride sharing service such as an Uber or Lyft is not allowed unless you have a family member or friend to accompany you. Certified medical transport services are acceptable. Failure to have acceptable transportation for discharge will result in your procedure being cancelled.

Please inform us as soon as possible of:

- any recent heart conditions or if you are scheduled for any upcoming heart tests or procedures
- recent or current illness
- have an implanted defibrillator
- on home oxygen
- on dialysis

Medications:

Do not take Iron or Vitamins plus Iron for 5 days prior to your procedure.

Take your medications for blood pressure, heart, anxiety and asthma/lung the morning of your procedure with just enough water to get the medication down (less than 3 oz.) Bring your inhalers with you. If you are diabetic, do not take oral diabetic medication or Insulin the morning of your procedure. Take half of your usual Insulin dose the day before the procedure. If you are taking an injection for weight loss, stop the injection(s) 2 weeks prior to the procedure. If there are any issues regarding the interruption of your medication, contact your prescribing physician.

Blood thinner medications:

Dabigatran (Pradaxa) -hold 2 days	Rivaroxaban (Xarelto) -hold 2 days
Apixaban (Eliquis) -hold 2 days	Edoxaban (Savaysa, Lixiana) -hold 2 days
Ticagrelor (Brilinta) -hold 3 days	Warfarin (Coumadin, Jantoven) -hold 3 days
Clopidogrel (Plavix) -hold 5 days	Prasugrel (Effient) -hold 5 days
Ticlopidine (Ticlid) -hold 5 days	Cilostazol (Pletal) -hold 5 days
Dipyridamole (Aggrenox) -hold 5 days	Aspirin 325mg - hold 5 days prior to procedure
	Aspirin 81mg - hold day of procedure

**Patients with mechanical artificial heart valves cannot stop their anticoagulant medications (blood thinners) without discussion with their cardiologist

Other Medications:

STOP GLP-1 Medications: Hold for 7 days for diabetes; Hold for 7 days for weight loss if scheduled at SCOPES or St. Clare Surgery Center. Hold 14 days for weight loss if scheduled at St. Lukes Hospital. Ozempic (semaglutide), Wegovy (semaglutide), Mounjaro (tirzepatide), Trulicity (dulaglutide), Bydureon (exenatide), Zepbound (tirzepatide)

GLP-1 Daily (hold on day of procedure)

Saxenda (liraglutide), Rybelsus (semaglutide), Byetta (exenatide), Adlyxin (lixisenatide)

GLP-1 Insulin Analogs (hold day of procedure)

Soliqua (insulin/lixisenatide), Xultophy (insulin/liraglutide)

SGLT-2 Inhibitor (hold 3 days prior to procedure)

Farxiga (dapagliflozin), Invokana (canagliflozin), Jardiance (empagliflozin), Steglatro (ertugliflozin), Victoza (liraglutide)

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 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 midnight, the night before the procedure.

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.