

## COLONOSCOPY BOWEL PREPARATION INSTRUCTIONS

### Sutab Split Dose

Please visit our website at [www.digestivehealthclinic.com](http://www.digestivehealthclinic.com) to view an educational video about this procedure. Read these instructions carefully. If instructions are not followed, your physician may not be able to complete your procedure. If you have preparation questions, please call our prep hotline 8am-5pm, Monday-Friday at **(208) 489-1887**. For any after-hour concerns you can leave a message with our answering service and we will return your call as soon as possible.

#### **You are required to contact our office at (208) 489-1887, IF:**

- You are on **COUMADIN OR OTHER BLOOD THINNERS** so that we can determine if or when you need to stop these medications prior your procedure.
- You are **INSULIN-DEPENDANT DIABETIC** and need specific instructions.
- You have questions about which medications you should and should not take.

#### **WHAT TO PURCHASE AT YOUR PHARMACY:**

- **Sutab Bowel Prep kit.** This prescription should have been sent to your pharmacy.

#### **THREE DAYS PRIOR TO YOUR PROCEDURE:**

- Stop all vitamins, minerals, or herbal supplements now.
- Begin a **LOW FIBER DIET** and stop all fiber supplements such as Metamucil, Citrucel and Benefiber.
- Visit [www.digestivehealthclinic.com](http://www.digestivehealthclinic.com) for examples or suggestions for a low fiber diet.
- Do not eat raw fruits, raw vegetables, nuts or seeds.

#### **THE DAY BEFORE YOUR PROCEDURE:**

- For breakfast, you may have a full liquid meal and as many clear liquids as you can tolerate.
- **SUGGESTIONS FOR A FULL LIQUID DIET MAY INCLUDE:** Cream of Wheat (no oatmeal or grits), strained creamed soups (no pieces or chunks of vegetables or meats), flavored yogurt (without pieces of fruit), milkshakes and Ensure nutrition shakes.
- After breakfast, you may only consume clear liquids.
- **SUGGESTIONS FOR CLEAR LIQUIDS MAY INCLUDE:** Water, chicken broth, beef broth or vegetable broth, juice such as white grape, apple and lemonade without pulp. Sodas - diet and regular, Gatorade or other sports drinks, tea, coffee (black), Jell-O, popsicles. **NO RED OR PURPLE DYES.**
- **5:00 pm:** Open 1 bottle of 12 tablets. Fill the provided container with 16 ounces of water (up to the fill line).
- Swallow each tablet with a sip of water, and drink the entire amount of water over 15 to 20 minutes.
- Approximately 1 hour after the last tablet is ingested, fill the cup provided again with 16 ounces of water (up to the fill line), and drink the entire amount over the next 30 minutes.
- Approximately 30 minutes after finishing the second container of water, fill the provided container with 16 ounces of water (up to the fill line), and drink the entire amount over 30 minutes. This will induce stools.
- **If you experience nausea and vomiting, slow down or take a break from drinking the solution.**
- Stay well hydrated and continue to drink clear liquids all evening.

#### **ON THE DAY OF YOUR PROCEDURE:**

- **6 hours before your procedure,** open 1 bottle of 12 tablets. Fill the provided container with 16 ounces of water (up to the fill line).
- Swallow each tablet with a sip of water, and drink the entire amount of water over 15 to 20 minutes.
- Approximately 1 hour after the last tablet is ingested, fill the cup provided again with 16 ounces of water (up to the fill line), and drink the entire amount over the next 30 minutes.
- Approximately 30 minutes after finishing the second container of water, fill the provided container with 16 ounces of water (up to the fill line), and drink the entire amount over 30 minutes. This will induce stools.
- You must finish drinking the remaining half of the prep at least 4 hours before your procedure. (For example, if your procedure is at 7:00 am, you must be finished drinking the solution by 3:00 am).
- To ensure the success of your procedure you must finish taking **the entire preparation.**
- **4 hours before your procedure, YOU MAY NO LONGER HAVE ANYTHING BY MOUTH, INCLUDING CLEAR LIQUIDS. Failure to follow this may result in cancellation or rescheduling of your procedure.**
- Unless directed otherwise you may take your regularly scheduled medications (no vitamins, minerals and herbal supplements) with small sips of water.
- Please bring a list of your current medications to your procedure.
- Anyone visiting the facility (patient or driver, etc.) should not wear fragrances such as perfume, cologne, scented lotions or oils as they may cause others to have an allergic reaction.

#### **NO DRIVING AFTER THE PROCEDURE:**

Sedation is used with most of these procedures and will require that you have a responsible adult accompany you to the appointment, even if you take a taxi. This person will need to remain available to review post procedure discharge instructions and drive you home after the procedure. Please be advised that your procedure may be delayed until we can verify your driver.