

# ANESTHESIA MIRALAX PROCEDURE PREPARATION

A colonoscopy is the most accurate examination to detect colon cancer, polyps, and identify other possible conditions that may be causing pain or discomfort. To ensure the best possible colonoscopy results, it is imperative to have a clean colon, free from retained brown stool. **By the end of your bowel prep, stool should be a clear or yellow liquid, and you should be able to see the bottom of your toilet bowl.** Please follow the instructions below carefully. Inadequate bowel prep may result in your procedure being rescheduled.

## 7 DAYS PRIOR TO YOUR PROCEDURE

Purchase ALL of the following non-prescription/over the counter bowel prep items:

- ☐ Two (2) 5 mg Dulcolax® (bisacodyl) laxative tablets. NOT Dulcolax® stool softener
- ☐ Two (2) 125 mg Gas-X (Simethicone) tablets, chews or softgels
- ☐ One (1) 238 gram bottle of MiraLAX (SmoothLAX, ClearLAX or generic equivalent)
- ☐ One (1) 119 gram bottle of MiraLAX (SmoothLAX, ClearLAX or generic equivalent)
- ☐ 96oz of a sports drink (Gatorade, Powerade, Propel, Pedialyte): NO RED OR PURPLE LIQUIDS

Please ensure that you arrange for medical transport or a responsible adult driver to accompany you on the day of your procedure. For your safety, you will NOT be allowed to drive, operate machinery, or return to work until the following day. Your driver should remain on-site for the full duration of your visit.

## 3 DAYS PRIOR TO YOUR PROCEDURE

✓ **STOP all over-the-counter supplements:**

- Iron, multi-vitamins and fiber supplements such as Metamucil, Citrucel, and Benefiber

✓ **CONTINUE to take:**

- Regular prescription medications unless instructed to stop by our office or another provider

✓ **BEGIN a low fiber diet:**

- Acceptable foods include (but are not limited to): White bread, white rice, pasta, crackers, fish, chicken, eggs, ground beef, creamy peanut butter, cooked/boiled vegetables, canned fruit, bananas, melons, milk, plain yogurt, cheese, salad dressing and other condiments

✓ **STOP consuming:**

- Seeds, nuts, popcorn, bran, whole wheat, corn, quinoa, raw fruits and vegetables, berries and dried fruit, beans, lentils, and red or purple liquids

## 1 DAY PRIOR TO YOUR PROCEDURE

### ✓ HYDRATE

- Drink at least 64oz of water before starting your bowel preparation, as it may cause dehydration

### ✓ BREAKFAST

- You may have a full liquid meal. Examples include: Cream of Wheat (No oatmeal or grits), strained creamed soups (without pieces or chunks of vegetables or meats), yogurt (without inclusions), and nutrition/protein shakes

### ✓ AFTER BREAKFAST

- You may **ONLY** consume a clear liquid diet until 8 hours before your procedure time
  - Examples include: water, chicken broth, apple or white grape juice, sport drinks, popsicles, Jell-O, coffee and tea (no cream), and soft drinks
- Do **NOT** consume alcohol, creamer, or red or purple-colored liquids

### ✓ BEGIN BOWEL PREPARATION:

- **3:00 PM**
  - Take two (2) 5 mg Dulcolax® (bisacodyl) tablets
- **5:00 PM**
  - Take two (2) 125 mg Gas-X (Simethicone) tablets, chews or softgels
  - Mix 238 gram bottle of MiraLAX in 64oz of the sports drink of your choice
  - Mix 119 gram bottle of MiraLAX in 32oz of sports drink of your choice
  - Drink one (1) 8oz glass of solution every 10-15 minutes until all 96oz is gone
    - You should complete consumption of 96oz solution within 3-4 hours

**\*\*YOU MAY CONTINUE TO DRINK CLEAR LIQUIDS UNTIL 8 HOURS PRIOR TO YOUR PROCEDURE\*\***

## DAY OF YOUR PROCEDURE

### ✓ 8 HOURS before procedure:

- **DO NOT DRINK ANY LIQUIDS OR CONSUME ANYTHING BY MOUTH** due to risk of aspiration. Failure to comply will result in your procedure being delayed or cancelled!

**\*\*Your stool should be a clear or yellow liquid at this point\*\***

### PREPARING FOR ARRIVAL

- ✓ Leave your valuables (including watches, jewelry, and personal effects) at home.
- ✓ Please bring your photo ID, insurance card, and an updated list of medications.

## MEDICATION ADJUSTMENTS

- ✓ **For Diabetic Patients:**
  - Remember to check your blood sugars frequently the day before and day of your procedure
- ✓ **For Patients on Blood Thinners:**
  - If you're taking blood thinners like Warfarin, Plavix, Eliquis, or Xarelto, make sure to follow the specific instructions our office has given you
- ✓ **For Patients Taking GLP-1 Medications:**
  - Examples include Ozempic, Wegovy, Zepbound, Trulicity, Bydureon, Byetta, Saxenda, Victoza, Adlyxin, and Rybelsus
    - **If you take your GLP-1 medication daily:** Do not take it on the day of your procedure.
    - **If you take your GLP-1 medication weekly:** Do not take it for 7 days before the procedure.

## Need More Help?

- If you have any questions about these instructions, please call our office during regular business hours 8:00AM–5:00PM Monday through Friday at 208-489-1887.
- If you need to call after 5:00PM, please use 208-489-1900.

## Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

- For answers to frequently asked questions, visit our website: [www.digestivehealthclinic.com](http://www.digestivehealthclinic.com)
- Please remember to report to the hospital for your procedure.