

EGD PREP

To ensure the best possible results from your colonoscopy, please follow these specific instructions from your physician. A clean colon allows your care team to perform the procedure accurately. If your colon is not sufficiently clean, we may need to reschedule your appointment.

Non-medical prep questions:

- Call Your Patient Advisor (YPA) - 800.349.0285 or e-mail at support@yourpatientadvisor.com
- If you don't have YPA, call clinic numbers listed above.

Medical questions:

- During business hours (7:30 am to 5pm), call clinic numbers listed above.
- During non-business hours (5 pm to 7:30 am) there is an on-call physician for urgent medical questions.

DAYS BEFORE YOUR PROCEDURE

Special Notes:

- If you are taking **blood thinner** medication such as Coumadin or Plavix and haven't spoken to a WAGI nurse, please contact the clinic.
- If you are taking a **GLP-1 medication** (Ozempic, etc.), stop weekly doses at least 7 days before, or daily doses the day before, your procedure (unless instructed otherwise by our office). If you have concerns regarding this, please contact your primary care provider.
- If you have a **Pacemaker, an AICD, or any other implanted medical device (except the Inspire device)** and haven't spoken to a WAGI nurse, please contact the clinic.
- If you have diabetes and are taking insulin, consult your diabetes provider for the correct dosage to take on the day of your exam.

Driver Confirmation & Instructions:

Your driver should plan to be on-site for 1-2 hours. Drivers may briefly leave the premises with reception's approval. For procedures starting after 3 PM, drivers must remain in the waiting room. If you require a taxi, ride-share, or medical transport, please schedule your procedure no later than 2 PM.

7 days before your procedure:

- **STOP** using any iron and fiber supplements
- Purchase items for the clear liquid diet (see page 2).

3 days before your procedure

- If you are diabetic and taking insulin, consult your diabetes physician for the correct dosage to take on the day of your procedure.

1 day before your procedure

- Eat your normal diet.
- **No food to eat after midnight.**

See page 2 for instructions to follow the day of your procedure.

THE DAY OF YOUR PROCEDURE

Diet of clear liquids only. NO SOLID FOOD!

Do not use marijuana (THC products) or alcohol.

Drink clear liquids up until 3 hours prior to your procedure.

Unless you are advised to stop, **take your regularly prescribed medications**, including blood pressure medication, at least 3 hours before your procedure with a small sip of water.

CLEAR LIQUID DIET

Avoid:

- **Milk, dairy, creamer**
- Juices with pulp
- **RED or PURPLE items**
- Alcohol

Approved:

- Soda, black coffee, tea, water
- Clear juices (no pulp), fitness waters
- Popsicles
- Low sodium chicken, vegetable, and beef broth
- Gelatin (e.g., Jell-O)



3 hours prior to your procedure: Do not put anything in your mouth, including gum, lozenges, candy, mints, or chewing tobacco.

Bring the following to your procedure:

- A responsible driver to take you home. **You will not be allowed to walk, take the bus, or drive home.**
- Insurance cards and photo ID.
- Your completed Patient Information Form (PIF) with your medications listed.
- Inhaler: if you use an inhaler, please bring it with you
- Dentures, hearing aids, glasses: Please bring storage cases if you wear these items, as they may need to be removed during your procedure.

For your safety, a **driver must accompany you** home. You cannot drive, operate machinery, or work until the next day. Your procedure will be **rescheduled if you arrive without a driver, unless previously arranged**. If you require a taxi, ride-share, or medical transport your procedure **must** be scheduled no later than 2 pm.

Weapons are prohibited. Leave valuables at home; we are not liable for lost personal items.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

I am diabetic and my blood sugar will go too low if I do not eat any solid foods, what should I do? Please drink liquids with sugar the day of your procedure to maintain your blood sugar.

Can I drink coffee on a clear liquid diet? Yes, you can drink black coffee if it does not contain dairy or dairy substitute.

Can I drink alcohol on a liquid diet? No, alcohol is not permitted during the liquid diet.

Why can't I eat or drink anything 3 hours before my procedure? Our first concern is your health and safety. You will be given sedatives to help you relax during your colonoscopy. These medications impact your body's ability to hold food and liquid in your stomach. If you have anything in your stomach, there is a risk that food or liquid will travel up into your airway, move into your lungs, and cause an obstruction or an infection in your lungs. Your procedure will be re-scheduled if you do not follow these instructions.

Can I wear perfume/cologne to my procedure? No, we are a fragrance-free facility.

Is it okay to drink alcohol or take my sedative after my procedure? No, you should avoid alcohol, sedatives, and marijuana (THC products) for 12 hours after your procedure.