

COLYTE/GOLYTELY/NULYTELY BOWEL 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 Gifthealth at - 833-614-4438 or e-mail them at Care@gifthealth.com.
- If you don't use Gifthealth, call clinic numbers listed above.

Medical questions:

- During business hours (7:30 am to 5 pm), 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.

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. Your procedure will be **rescheduled if you arrive without a driver, unless previously arranged**. 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.
- Review your prep instructions thoroughly.
- Make sure you have contacted Gifthealth to arrange delivery of your prescription. If not using Gifthealth, pick up your prescription at your local pharmacy. Do not use the prep instructions from the pharmacy. Please use the WAGI instructions.
- **Purchase** the following:
 - ☐ Dulcolax (Bisacodyl): One box of 5 mg tablets. You may need 2 tablets.
 - ☐ Items for the clear liquid diet (see page 2).
 - ☐ Optional: Vaseline/Desitin and baby wipes (for skin irritation). Adult diapers (if concerned about leakage).

3 days before your procedure

- **STOP** eating any raw fruits, raw vegetables, vegetables containing seeds, popcorn, nuts, and seeds.

2 days before your procedure

- Continue no raw fruits, raw vegetables, vegetables containing seeds, popcorn, nuts, and seeds.

See page 2 for instructions to follow the day before the procedure.

THE DAY BEFORE YOUR PROCEDURE

Diet of clear liquids only. NO SOLID FOOD!

To prevent dehydration, drink additional clear liquids before and throughout your prep, even while consuming the prep solution. Do not use marijuana (THC products) or alcohol.

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)



The morning the day before your procedure:

- Prepare mix by adding drinking water to the indicated line (4 liters) near the top of the gallon jug. Shake until the powder is mixed with the liquid and chill in the refrigerator. The solution **MAY NOT** be mixed with any other drink and **MUST BE** used within 24 hours after mixing.
- **Shake the container before pouring each dose.**

Approximately 12 pm:

- If you are experiencing constipation, take 2 Bisacodyl (Dulcolax) 5 mg tablets with a glass of water.

Approximately 6 pm the day before your procedure:

- Drink an 8oz glass of the solution every 10-15 minutes until you have finished drinking **HALF THE MIXTURE (2 liters)**.
- To prevent dehydration, continue to drink additional clear liquids while consuming the prep solution.

Note:

You may mix each glass with fresh lemon juice, Crystal Light powder, sugar free Kool Aid powder (not purple or red) or a sugar substitute to help with the taste. Do not add any product containing sugar as this may alter the quality of the prep.

You should **remain close to the toilet** as multiple bowel movements may occur. Diarrhea typically starts within one hour of the first dose, but it may take up to six hours. Continue to drink clear liquids* to prevent dehydration and help clean your colon.

You may experience irritation in the anal area due to diarrhea. If you experience anal discomfort, you may use baby wipes and apply Vaseline or Desitin to the peri-anal area after each bowel movement to minimize irritation.

See page 3 for instructions to follow the day of the procedure.

THE DAY OF YOUR PROCEDURE

Diet of clear liquids only. NO SOLID FOOD!

To prevent dehydration, drink additional clear liquids in addition to your prep solution up until 3 hours prior to your procedure. Do not use marijuana (THC products) or alcohol.

5-6 hours prior to your procedure:

- Begin drinking the second half of the preparation solution from the night before. Follow the same instructions as the previous night.
- **Prep must be completed no later than 3 hours prior to your procedure.** Continue drinking clear liquids until 3 hours prior to your procedure.
- Take your regularly prescribed medications unless you were advised to stop. This includes blood pressure medication.

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

How will I know if I'm ready for the procedure?

- After drinking all your prep, your bowel movements should be all liquid yellow and clear like picture #4 or #5. You should be able to see through to the bottom of the toilet.
- If your bowel movements are solid or look like pictures #1, #2, or #3, you are not prepped and need to call our office during normal business hours to reschedule.



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

If I eat high fiber foods 3 days before my procedure, do I need to reschedule? You don't need to reschedule, but eating seeds or nuts may impact your prep and procedure. If you consumed a lot, please contact our office.

What high-fiber foods should I avoid? Raw fruits, vegetables, nuts, seeds, whole grain breads, beans, and lentils.

What low-fiber foods can I eat? White bread and rice, pasta made from white flour, chicken, fish, dairy, and eggs.

Is there any alternate prep I can take? The prep was assigned to you by your physician. If you have concerns about this prep, call the clinic during normal business hours for guidance.

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 before your procedure to maintain your blood sugar.

Can I drink coffee on a clear liquid diet? Yes, black coffee without dairy or dairy substitute is ok to drink.

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

Can I continue the liquid diet after starting the laxatives? Yes, drink clear liquids until 3 hours before the procedure.

The prep is making me nauseous/vomiting. What should I do? Reduce your drinking pace, chill the solution, and use a straw. Stop and call the clinic during business hours if vomiting continues or you cannot finish the prep.

I am not having bowel movements, what should I do? Diarrhea typically starts within one hour of the first dose, but it may take up to six hours. Continue to drink clear liquids to help clean out your colon. If it is less than 3 hours prior to your procedure and you are not clear, do not drink anything and call the clinic to reschedule.

I drank all my prep and I'm still not clear, what should I do?

Diarrhea typically starts within one hour of the first dose, but it may take up to six hours. Continue to drink clear liquids to help clean out your colon. If it is less than 3 hours prior to your procedure and you are not clear, do not drink anything and call the clinic to reschedule.

Do I have to drink all the solution to cleanse my colon? Yes, follow all prep instructions carefully and drink the entire solution. The amount of prep needed is not determined by height/weight. A complete cleanse ensures the physician can do a thorough exam. An incomplete cleanse will require your procedure to be rescheduled.

Why do I have to wake up so early for the second dose? The first dose clears the bulk of your stool. The second dose clears any remaining small pieces of stool. Polyps can be small, flat, and difficult to see if any debris is left in the colon.

What is a clear stool? A clear stool is completely transparent, possibly with a slight tint of yellow or brown, and contains no solid matter. You should be able to see the bottom of the toilet.

Why can't I eat or drink anything 3 hours before my colonoscopy? 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.