



Procedure Reminders

Colonoscopy/Flexible Sigmoidoscopy

Your Appointment

Appointment Date: _____ **Arrival Time:** _____

Your arrival time is 45 minutes prior to your procedure time. This allows time for check-in, health history review, and pre-procedure evaluation. Please be aware that we may contact you in the days leading up to your procedure, as your arrival time may be subject to change.

Reminders About Your Appointment

Please follow all instructions carefully, as improper preparation may result in your procedure being rescheduled.

- **Transportation:** Due to the sedation you will receive, someone at least 18 years of age MUST bring you to your appointment, remain in their vehicle during the entire time of your procedure, and drive you home afterwards. A taxi, bus, Uber, Lyft, or similar service is NOT an acceptable form of transportation. If you arrive without a driver, your procedure will be rescheduled. If you have questions about whether a method of transportation is acceptable, please contact our office at the number listed below.
- **Alcohol Consumption:** Do not consume any alcohol during the course of your procedure preparation.
- **Jewelry:** Please leave all jewelry and other valuables at home or with your driver, as we do not provide a secure area for these items.
- **Questions?** Contact our office at **(336) 448-2427 (option 6, then option 2)** if you have any questions about your prep or if there are any changes in your medical history between the day of scheduling and the appointment date.

Reminders About Medications

If you are taking medication on a regular basis:

- Take all necessary medications at least 4 hours prior to your arrival time.
- **Diabetes:** Please contact the prescribing physician regarding instructions for injectable diabetic medication the day before and the day of the procedure. **DO NOT TAKE oral diabetic medication** the day of the procedure.
- **Blood Pressure:** DO NOT SKIP any doses of your blood pressure medication.
- **Iron:** STOP taking iron 5 days before your procedure.
- **Inhalers and Nebulizers:** May be used up to the time of your procedure.
- **Blood Thinners:** Please contact the physician who prescribes this medication for you to make sure it is okay to stop taking it for the recommended time (listed below) prior to your procedure. You may remain on aspirin unless otherwise instructed.

Aggrenox/Plavix: 5-7 days

Brilinta/Coumadin/Jantoven: 5 days

Effient: 7 days

Eliquis: 48 hours

Pletal/Persantine: 48 hours

Pradaxa: 48 hours

Savaysa: 1-3 days

Xarelto: 24-48 hours

If you are on a blood thinner that is not listed, please contact the prescribing physician for instructions.



2 Day Extensive: Colyte & Miralax Colonoscopy Preparation Instructions

(Safe for patients with a history of renal failure)

Items to Purchase

- One gallon of Colyte (prescription)
- One 119-gram bottle of Miralax powder
- Your choice of one of the following clear liquids (No Red):
 - Option 1: Hydralyte drink mix with 32 ounces of water (view hydralyte.com/where-to-buy for retailers)
 - Option 2: 32 ounces of Gatorade or Powerade
 - Option 3: Crystal Light powdered drink mix with 32 ounces of water
 - Option 4: 32 ounces of Propel or Vitamin Water
 - Option 5: 32 ounces of Apple or White Grape Juice

3 Days Before Procedure

- ✓ Eat a well-balanced diet. Avoid whole grains, nuts, seeds, popcorn, raw or dried fruits and vegetables and salads.

2 Days Before Procedure

- ✓ **5:00pm:** Mix the 119-gram bottle of Miralax into the 32 ounces/1 liter of drink solution and drink the full amount.
- ✓ **No solid food after 5pm. Begin a clear liquid diet. DO NOT consume anything red in color OR dairy products.**
Clear liquids may include water, soft drinks, coffee or tea without cream, popsicles, broth/bouillon, Jell-O, non-pulpy juice, etc.

Day Before Procedure

- ✓ **Continue clear liquid diet.**
- ✓ Mix the gallon of Colyte and chill in the refrigerator until time to begin the prep.
- ✓ **4:00 pm:** Begin drinking 8oz of Colyte every 15-30 minutes until one half (1/2) of the solution is gone.
If you become nauseated, stop for 45 minutes then resume.

Day of Procedure

- ✓ Continue a clear liquid diet.
- ✓ **6 hours prior to arrival time:** Over the next two hours, drink the remaining half of the Colyte solution.
- ✓ **4 hours prior to arrival time:** Take any necessary medications. You should be finished drinking the Colyte solution.
ABSOLUTELY NOTHING ELSE BY MOUTH AFTER THIS TIME! (This includes water.)