Colonoscopy Preparation

Split Dose Suprep Preparation

3 days before your examination- Date ______________:

Eliminate foods from your diet that are difficult to digest. This is what we call a low residue diet. You may continue to eat meat of any kind, pasta, rice, and cooked fruits vegetables (without skins/peels) during these 3 days. **Foods to eliminate include:**

fiber cereal like All Bran and Fiber One, nuts, seeds, popcorn, raw vegetables and fresh fruit.

One day before your examination- Date ____________:

Eat a LIGHT breakfast. Do not eat more than you routinely have any other morning.

Begin a clear liquid diet after breakfast (see page 2 for a suggestion list).

Beginning at 6:00pm pour one 6 oz. bottle of SUPREP liquid into the mixing container. Add cool drinking water to the 16 oz. line on the container and mix.

Drink all the liquid in the container. Please finish the entire container within 30 minutes.

After you finish, you must drink 2 more 16 oz. containers of water only. These should be completed within one hour.

Day of your examination- Date ____________:

Beginning at 6:00am pour one 6 oz. bottle of SUPREP liquid into the mixing container. Add cool drinking water to the 16 oz. line on the container and mix.

Drink all the liquid in the container. Please finish the container within 30 minutes.

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You are scheduled with Dr. ______________ at ___________ (facility) ___________.

Your procedure time is __________ am/pm.

Please arrive at __________ am/pm.

**If your procedure is scheduled at Gateway Surgery Center please call 704-920-7049 one business day prior to your arrival time.**

You may have clear liquids up to 2 hrs prior to your procedure. ONCE YOU ARE WITHIN THE 2 HOUR WINDOW NOTHING including gum, mints and hard candy MAY BE CONSUMED BY MOUTH!

Do not drive, work, operate machinery, or make important decisions the rest of the day.

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Special points of interest:

- You MUST have a driver bring you to the procedure, remain on the premises throughout the procedure and drive you home. Failure to do so will result in postponement or cancellation of your procedure.
The morning of your procedure you may take medications for:

- High blood pressure
- Heart conditions
- Asthma/Lung conditions
- Seizures
- Thyroid conditions

**Please take these with just a small sip of water**

If you are diabetic, the day of your preparation you may take any oral diabetes medications as you normally do. If you take insulin, please take your regular AM insulin dose and ½ dose of any PM insulin. **The morning of your procedure you should hold all diabetes medications.**

If you are on any blood thinners, please see the chart below for how long to hold your medication prior to your procedure:

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- **Hold Iron** for 3 days prior to your procedure. This does not include Multivitamins with Iron.
- You **do not** have to hold Aspirin.
- **Gentlemen**- Please hold erectile dysfunction medications for 3 days prior to your procedure.

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**Dietary Guidelines**

**DO NOT** begin the clear liquid diet until the day before your examination!

**Examples of Allowable Clear Liquids Below:**

- Water (the original clear liquid)
- Crystal Light or Kool Aid
- Chicken or Beef Broth (canned or bouillon)
- NO NOODLES or RICE
- Apple, White Cranberry, or White Grape Juice.
- Clear or Yellow Soft Drinks (Sprite, Sundrop, Ginger Ale, Mountain Dew, Sierra Mist)
- Popsicles and Italian Ice (no yogurt or ice cream)
- Jello- flavor suggestions: peach, lemon, lime, watermelon, white grape
- Gatorade or Powerade—these are excellent replacement fluids.
- Hard candy and lollipops
- Tea and Coffee without creamer
- NO milk, creamed soups, or crackers while you are on this diet.

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**Hints and Tips to Make your Colonoscopy Easier**

- Wear loose, comfortable clothing that is easy to get into and out of to the procedure. You may want to wear or bring socks.
- Use pre-moistened wipes during the preparation—pat, don’t wipe.
- Use A&D Ointment or a similar product (no Vaseline) after bowel movements to reduce irritation of the anal area during the preparation.
- Drinking through a straw can help with the taste of the preparation and you can get it down faster!
- **Ladies**- Colonoscopy can be performed during your menstrual cycle. Please bring your supplies. Tampons are acceptable.
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Please remember, it is very important that these instructions be closely followed in order for your procedure to be as safe and thorough as possible. Inadequate preparation can result in a difficult and possibly incomplete examination.

We will be contacting you 3 business days prior to your procedure to answer any questions you may have regarding these instructions and your upcoming Colonoscopy. Please review them ahead of time. If you have any questions before that phone call please feel free to call us at 704-783-1840.

Colonoscopy FAQ

Why can’t I have anything red, purple or blue?
The dyes used in food to produce these colors do not always get absorbed by the body and the residue can look like blood in your colon.

I can’t have any solid food after breakfast? No. If your colon is not adequately cleaned out it will impair our ability to perform a complete examination and possibly result in the need for a repeat colonoscopy.

What if I cannot tolerate the preparation? Please call the office ASAP. If it is before 5pm, the office staff can help you with alternatives. If it is after 5pm, the on call physician is available to assist you.

Why does my driver have to stay the entire time I am at the facility? For your safety. Your judgment is impaired due to the sedation and you cannot make sound decisions during or after your procedure.

How long does it take? The colonoscopy itself takes less than 30 minutes but plan on being at the facility about 2 to 2 ½ hours from arrival to discharge.

Does the procedure hurt? Most people don’t even remember their procedure! If you experience any discomfort it is usually cramping (like gas pain).

When do I get the results of my test? The physician will speak with you and your driver after the procedure. Biopsy results are usually available in 5-7 days. You will be notified by phone or at your follow up visit of these results.