

Colonoscopy Prep Instructions with GoLytely

Important Information

Please call us at 212-434-3427 if:

- You cannot make your appointment (must be 1 week early notice)
- You're concerned your prep is not working
- You have any questions or concerns

Pre-Procedure Checklist: 1 week before procedure

- Do blood work / EKG (fax to 212-434-6275) as determined by your provider
- Get from pharmacy GoLYTELY, or GaviLYTE, or NuLYTELY (1 bottle)
- Get water, Gatorade, or Vitamin Water Zero (4 liters, 128 oz, no red coloring)
- Get 2 Bisacodyl (Dulcolax) tablets (5 mg) and Simethicone anti-gas tablets







- Stock up on clear liquids (any liquid that you can see through (water, tea, black coffee, clear broth, apple juice, ginger ale, sports drinks). Jell-O, flavored ices, hard candies, and gum are OK. Mint tea can be soothing.
 - Avoid juices with pulp and anything with red, blue, or purple color
- Talk to your doctor about any clearances you may need or possible medicine adjustments like:
 - Blood thinners
 - Diabetes medicine
 - Cardiac issues
- Important: Arrange who will drive you home after your procedure ahead of time. You cannot take public transportation, a taxi, or rideshare.



How to Prep for Your Colonoscopy

1 day before your procedure	 Eat a light breakfast (ex. 2 eggs and toast) Follow a clear liquid diet for the rest of the day Clear liquids are: water, tea, black coffee, clear broth, apple juice, ginger ale, Gatorade, and mint tea Flavored ice, hard candies, and gum are OK
1 day before your procedure	 @ 4pm GoLYTELY prep Mix GoLYTELY as directed on the label with a clear liquid like Gatorade or water. Store in the refrigerator Take 2 Bisacodyl (Dulcolax) 5 mg tablets @ 6pm Drink 75% (3 liter) of the prep solution over 2 hours It's important to keep drinking the solution even though the laxative may not begin for another 2 to 3 hours. If you get nauseous, wait 15 minutes, then continue drinking in smaller amounts, and use a straw. @ 9pm Take 2 Simethicone anti-gas tablets with clear liquid
4 hours before your procedure	 Drink the remaining prep solution (1 liter) of over 2 hours You may need to wake up very early to complete the prep This helps you get a good prep so you don't need to repeat the process all over again! The timing of drinking your prep is important. After finishing your prep, Do NOT eat or drink (including water) Do NOT smoke

Procedure Checklist & Hospital Arrival

- Take your regular morning medicine with sips of clear liquid as directed by your doctor
- You cannot drive after the procedure or take public transportation. Please have someone at the hospital to take you home.
- Arrive at the hospital 1 hour before your procedure time