

GOLYTELY INSTRUCTIONS

Your Colonoscopy has been scheduled with Dr. _____

On _____, _____, _____ at _____ am/pm
Day Month Date Arrival Time

At:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Washington Hospital
Admitting Department
2000 Mowry Avenue
Fremont, CA
510-797-1111 | <input type="checkbox"/> Washington Outpatient Surgery Center
First Floor
2299 Mowry Avenue
Fremont, CA
510-791-5374 |
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If you need to cancel or reschedule your procedure please call our office 3 days prior to the procedure at 510-248-1843.

Recommended List for Prep:

- 1—Gallon of **GOLYTELY** (*Prescription has been sent to your pharmacy*)
- **Dulcolax 5mg** (*Purchase a package, however you will only take 6 tablets*)
 - Over the counter laxative

Recommended List for Clear Liquid Diet:

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| • Water | • Bouillon (clear broth) | • Jell-O gelatin (not pudding) |
| • Popsicles | • Carbonated Soda | • Ginger Ale |
| • Black Tea | • Black Coffee | • Gatorade |
| • Crystal Light | • Coconut Juice | • Sugar and Sugar Substitutes |
| • Honey | • Syrup | • Clear Hard Candy |
| • Clear Fruit Juices (<i>white grape, apple, lemonade</i>) | | |

Avoid solid foods, dairy products, fruit juices with pulp, and all red, orange, purple, and blue colored liquids.

Recommended List for Comfort:

- **Desitin, A&D Ointment, Vaseline** (*apply to anal area to relieve discomfort*)
- **Baby Wipes** (*use instead of toilet paper to reduce irritation*)

IMPORTANT: There are Medications which MUST be Stopped Prior to your Colonoscopy.

- Refer to the “Medication Instructions” on the last two pages.
- Always discuss medication concerns with your doctor.

THREE DAYS PRIOR TO THE COLONOSCOPY:

DO NOT EAT:

- Legumes
- Corn
- Nuts
- Peas
- Tomatoes
- Carrots
- Watermelon

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DAY BEFORE THE COLONOSCOPY:

- **DIET:**
 - **ALL DAY - Clear Liquids Only** (*as described on the first page of these instructions*)
 - Any combination of liquids is allowed
 - Be creative for “meals”

**Stay hydrated! YOU NEED TO DRINK AT LEAST 3 LITERS OF FLUIDS!
Drink enough fluids to avoid dehydration while undergoing the colonoscopy prep**
- **COLONOSCOPY PREP:**
 - **At 5:00pm:**
 - Take four Dulcolax Tablets (*5mg each*)
 - Drink one half of the GOLYTELY (*one half gallon*)
 - Pour into a cup and drink every 15 minutes, repeat until half gallon is gone
 - You can chill GOLYTELY or pour it over ice and drink with a straw
 - This can minimize the taste
 - Within a few hours you can expect frequent bowel movements and diarrhea
 - **Until Bed Time:**

IMPORTANT: Continue your Clear Liquid diet to prevent dehydration and ensure good urine output by drinking 2 to 3 liters of clear liquid.

DAY OF THE COLONOSCOPY:

- **WAKE UP: 4-5 hours** before the scheduled time of your colonoscopy
 - If your colonoscopy is scheduled early in the morning you will need to get up in the early morning hours
- **IMMEDIATELY:**

- Take two Dulcolax Tablets (5mg each)
- Drink second half of the GOLYTELY (one half gallon)
 - Pour into a cup and drink every 15 minutes, repeat until half gallon is gone
- The timing of this second dose is important
- Do not skip these steps
- 3 HOURS PRIOR TO COLONOSCOPY SCHEDULED TIME
 - You should have completed drinking the second half of the GOLYTELY
- This completes your bowel prep
- Take any oral medications approved by your physician
 - Take with the smallest amount of water possible

**3 HOURS PRIOR TO YOUR COLONOSCOPY
DO NOT EAT OR TO DRINK UNTIL YOUR COLONOSCOPY IS COMPLETED**

This Completes Your Bowel Prep

WHAT TO EXPECT AFTER THE BOWEL PREP IS COMPLETE:

- More diarrhea
- Passing of clear, colored liquid
- IF your stool is brown and murky, please inform the nurse upon admission
 - Poor bowel preparation may result in having to reschedule your procedure and a more extensive prep



Dark and murky NOT OK	Brown and murky NOT OK	Dark Orange and semi-clear NOT OK	Light orange and clear ALMOST THERE	Yellow and clear, like urine YOU'RE READY!
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AFTER THE COLONOSCOPY:

- You may resume your normal diet
- Continue drinking enough liquids until bedtime to prevent dehydration and ensure good urine output
- You MUST have a responsible driver pick you up and a responsible caregiver at home with you for 4 hours after discharge.

PLEASE CALL THE OFFICE IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS AT (510) 248-1843

MEDICATION INSTRUCTIONS

Please discuss with your health care provider or cardiologist specific instructions prior to discontinuing any medications.

ANTI-PLATELET – Discontinue 5 Days Prior to Colonoscopy, unless otherwise specified by your physician

- Clopidogrel (Plavix)
- Ticagrelor (Brilinta)
- Prasugrel (Effient)
- Ticlopidine (Ticlid)
- Eptifibatide (Integrilin)

ANTI-COAGULANT – Discontinue 4 Days Prior to Colonoscopy

- Warfarin (Coumadin)

ANTI-COAGULANT – Discontinue 2 Days Prior to Colonoscopy

- Rivaroxaban (Xarelto)
- Dabigatran (Pradaxa)
- Apixaban (Eliquis)

ANTI-COAGULANT – Discontinue 1 Day Prior to Colonoscopy

- Heparin
- Enoxaparin (Lovenox)

ANTI-COAGULANT – Ask the Prescribing Doctor When to Discontinue

- Edoxaban (Savaysa)
- Fondaparinux (Arixtra)

OTHER MEDICATIONS – Discontinue 5 Days Prior to Colonoscopy

- Fish Oil
- Iron Supplements
- Vitamin E
- Gingko
- Metamucil
- Hydrocil
- Other Bulk Preparations
- Turmeric (Curcumin)

FOR 5 DAYS PRIOR TO COLONOSCOPY – You may take TYLENOL if needed.

ROUTINE PRESCRIBED MEDICATIONS – Continue taking as prescribed.

FOR 3 DAYS PRIOR TO COLONOSCOPY– Stop JARDIANCE

DIABETES MEDICATIONS – Discuss with your Endocrinologist, however normally:

- The plan would be:
 - Day Before Colonoscopy: take half the normal dose of Diabetes Medication and/or Insulin
 - Day of the Colonoscopy: DO NOT take your diabetes medication

Please review the guidelines from American Society of Anesthesiologists regarding preoperative holding of glucagon-like peptide receptor agonists:

Dulaglutide (Trulicity)
Exenatide (Byetta)
Exenatide extended-release (Bydureon)
Liraglutide (Victoza)
Lixisenatide (Adlyxin)
Semaglutide injection (Ozempic)
Semaglutide tablets (Rybelsus)
Tirzepatide (Mounjaro)
Wegovy (Semaglutide)

If they are given by WEEKLY INJECTION, these medications SHOULD BE HELD 1 WEEK BEFORE procedure.

If they are given ORALLY on a DAILY basis, they SHOULD BE HELD on the DAY BEFORE procedure.