

# INSTRUCTIONS FOR COLONOSCOPY PREPARATION USING A 2 DAY PREP

## ONE WEEK PRIOR TO COLONOSCOPY

- Stop all **iron supplements** and **vitamins** containing iron 7 days prior to procedure.
- Stop consuming nuts, fruits with seeds, seeds and corn for one week prior to procedure.
- Stop all blood thinning medications as directed by your physician.
- If you take medication for diabetes, adjustments will need to be made in your medication due to changes to your diet. Your doctor will instruct you on medication changes.

## PURCHASE FROM PHARMACY

- Miralax 238 gram bottle (8.3 oz)
- Dulcolax laxative tablets (4 tablets) ( 6 tablets for 2 day prep)
- atorade 64 oz. bottle (**NO RED OR PURPLE**)

All items can be bought over the counter. You may purchase plain or aloe wipes to prevent a sore bottom.

**Two days prior to procedure:**                      Date \_\_\_\_\_

- You will take 2 Dulcolax tablets at 3pm.
- You will be on a full liquid diet the entire day. (See below for examples of dietary options for this day)

## DAY BEFORE YOUR COLONOSCOPY

- You will need to be on a clear liquid diet the entire day (instructions for a clear liquid diet are on the next page).
- **At 3 p.m., take 2 Dulcolax tablets with a glass of water.**
- **At 5 p.m., add the entire bottle of Miralax with 64 oz. Gatorade. Mix until well dissolved.**
- **Drink an 8 oz. glass of the Miralax/Gatorade solution every 15 minutes until the solution is gone.** (If you become bloated or nauseated, you may take a break from drinking for 30 minutes to 1 hour to allow it to move downstream. Then continue to drink at a slower rate.)
- **After drinking** all of the Miralax/ Gatorade solution, **take 2 more Dulcolax tablets.**
- If you are diabetic, it is important to keep a check on your blood sugars. You may need to adjust your medications since you will be decreasing the amount of calories you are taking in. We suggest taking half your usual dosage. Please discuss this with your family doctor prior to the procedure.

Your stools should become watery from 30 minutes to 3 hours after starting colon cleansing. It is important to consume the entire bottle of solution to allow the physician a clear view of your colon.

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## ON THE DAY OF YOUR COLONOSCOPY

- You **may not have any food or drink after midnight on the night before** your colonoscopy.
- You may brush your teeth.
- **You will need a driver after the procedure** because you will be given medication to make you sleepy during the procedure. If your driver needs to leave after dropping you off, please make sure they leave a working number so we may contact them to pick you up after your procedure.

## FULL LIQUID DIET

- Milk, milk products such as chocolate milk, milkshakes, buttermilk, flavored yogurt (without nuts, seeds, or fruit pieces), hot chocolate or cocoa
- Cream of wheat, oatmeal, grits
- Fruit juice and vegetable juice without pulp
- Cream soups, pureed soups, bouillons, and broths
- Pudding, custards, Jell-O, ice cream, and sherbet
- Anything on clear liquid diet list (below)

## CLEAR LIQUID DIET

- Ginger ale, orange, sodas, Gatorade, Kool Aid
- Apple juice, white grape, orange juice, lemonade, limeade (no pulp)
- Water, tea, black coffee (no creamer or milk products)
- Broths or bouillon cubes
- Jell-O and popsicles (NO RED OR PURPLE)
- Hard candies

