



## Division of Gastroenterology and Hepatology

<b><u>Date:</u></b> ***	<b><u>Arrival Time:</u></b> ***
<b><u>Location:</u></b> ***	<b>Dr.</b> ***
*You may be here for up to 3 hours	

We are pleased that you have chosen UR Medicine for your medical care. Enclosed with this letter you will find the following:

1. **Procedure preparation instructions.** Please review these instructions now to be sure you understand and are able to complete prior to your scheduled appointment. If you should have concerns regarding these instructions or your ability to complete the preparation to its fullest extent, please contact our nursing staff prior to your procedure.
1. **Consent, Cost & Financial Assistance.** There is a sample consent copy available on our website: [www.gastro.urmc.edu](http://www.gastro.urmc.edu). The actual consent form will be reviewed with you on the day of your procedure for your written and/or verbal permission. If you have any questions on the cost of your procedure, please contact our UR Medicine Cost Estimation line at 585-758-7801.

**Please be advised of our no show or cancellation policy.** We have reserved this time for personal attention to your medical care. If you are unable to keep this appointment please notify us within 5 business days so that we can reschedule your procedure and utilize this time to serve other patients. Please contact us at 585-275-4711 with any questions or concerns.

### **COVID TESTING**

**PLEASE DO NOT COMPLETE YOUR TEST BEFORE THE DATES BELOW**

**COVID Testing is required by the State within 5 days of your scheduled procedure.**

**COVID Testing is due on: \*\*\***

**COVID Testing Site Address: \*\*\***

**If you do not complete your COVID test 48 hours before your scheduled appointment, your procedure may be postponed**

## EXTENDED GOLYTELY COLONOSCOPY INSTRUCTIONS

Thank you for choosing The University of Rochester Medical Center for your colonoscopy procedure. Proper preparation (cleansing) is the key to a good examination. **Please review these instructions more than 1 week before your procedure.**

### THE BOWEL PREPARATION:

You will need to purchase:

- **Pharmacy:** Prescription for **GOLYTELY**
- Bottle of Magnesium Citrate (no red or purple)
- Two tablets of Bisacodyl (*Dulcolax*®) 5 mg
- Two Fleets enemas (over the counter)

WHEN	WHAT TO DO	DETAILS
<i>At least <u>7 days</u> before your procedure</i>		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• If you take any medication for the purpose of being anti-coagulated, keeping your blood thin or preventing blood clots (ex: Warfarin, Plavix, Coumadin, Xarelto), you must contact the office to <u> speak with a nurse </u> at least two weeks BEFORE your procedure, in order to receive careful instructions on how to manage your medications. <u> Aspirin does not need to be held. </u></li> <li>• Arrange for someone to drive you to and from your procedure</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The person who is escorting and driving you must be back on premises by 4 pm.</li> </ul>
<i><u>4 days</u> before</i>		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Stop eating foods that are high in fiber, and do not resume high fiber foods until after your colonoscopy.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u> Examples of high fiber foods: </u>salads, corn, popcorn, green vegetables, brown rice, whole grain bread, beans, sunflower seeds, nuts</li> </ul>
<i><u>2 days</u> before</i>		
<i><b>All day</b></i>  <i><b>Continued on the next page...</b></i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• When you wake up, start drinking ONLY clear liquids, (or clear liquids that are semi-solid, such as gelatin or popsicles) for the rest of the day. Avoid red or purple liquids</li> <li>• Drink 8 ounces of clear liquid for every hour that you are awake</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Do not eat any solid food</li> <li>• Clear liquid only, see list of clear liquids in this handout</li> <li>• Do not drink any alcohol</li> </ul>

<b><i>2 days before</i></b>		
<b><i>5 pm</i></b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Drink one bottle of magnesium citrate, followed by five 8 oz glasses of a clear, caffeine-free beverage</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• This may cause some mild abdominal cramping, as this is a stimulant laxative (causes your intestinal muscles to contract)</li> </ul>
<b><i>The day before</i></b>		
<b><i>All day</i></b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• When you wake up, continue drinking ONLY clear liquids, (or clear liquids that are semi-solid, such as gelatin or popsicles) for the rest of the day. Avoid red or purple liquids</li> <li>• Drink 8 ounces of clear liquid for every hour that you are awake</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Do not eat any solid food</li> <li>• Clear liquid only, see list of clear liquids in this handout</li> <li>• Do not drink any alcohol</li> </ul>
<b><i>12:00 NOON</i></b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Take two Bisacodyl (Dulcolax®) 5 mg tablets with at least one full glass (8 fl. oz.) of clear liquid</li> <li>• Mix the golytely with water according to package directions. Place in refrigerator.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bisacodyl tablets usually work within 8 hours. Do not worry if nothing happens from the Dulcolax before you start to drink the prep solution</li> </ul>
<b><i>6 p.m.</i></b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Begin drinking the <b>GOLYTELY</b> solution, 1 glass (8 ounces) every 15 minutes until you have drank <b>half of the bottle.</b></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• DO NOT finish the entire bottle at this time, place remainder in the fridge</li> </ul>
<b><i>At bedtime</i></b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Keep drinking clear liquids until bedtime</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• You may need to use the bathroom during the night</li> </ul>
<b><i>The day of your colonoscopy</i></b>		
<b><i>6 hours before you are scheduled to arrive</i></b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Drink the <b>second half of the golytely solution.</b> (<i>Drink 8 oz every 15 minutes until completed</i>)</li> <li>• You <u>can take your allowed</u> medications on the day of your procedure with small sips of water (see page 5 if you are taking diabetic medications)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Do not eat or drink <u>anything</u> except your prep and small sips of water for your medications</li> </ul>
<b><i>4 hours before you are scheduled to arrive</i></b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Finish drinking your prep</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Call your doctor's office if you have questions</li> </ul>
<b><i>2 hours before you are scheduled to arrive</i></b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Give yourself two Fleet's enemas, 20 minutes apart, holding each enema for about 15 minutes.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hold the enemas for as long as you can</li> </ul>

<p><b><u>Clear Liquids that are OK (the day before your procedure):</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Water</li> <li>✓ Black coffee or tea</li> <li>✓ Sports drinks</li> <li>✓ Clear carbonated beverages and sodas</li> <li>✓ Lemonade, apple, white grape or white cranberry juice</li> <li>✓ Jello, popsicles, Fruit Ice</li> <li>✓ Hard candy, honey</li> <li>✓ Chicken and beef broth or bouillon</li> </ul>	<p><b><u>Things to Avoid:</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✗ Milk or dairy</li> <li>✗ Alcohol</li> <li>✗ ANY Red or purple liquid</li> </ul>
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## GENERAL INFORMATION:

- **Please arrive on time.** Allow extra time in your trip for weather, traffic and parking.
- **Medications:** Unless otherwise instructed, continue to take all of your usual medications on your regular schedule.
- **Please bring a list of all the medications you take** (including dosages and how often each medication is taken) with you to your appointment. Also list any herbal or vitamin supplements you take.
- **Personal belongings:** On the day of your sedated procedure, we strongly recommend that you leave valuables (money/jewelry) at home or give them to a family member or friend for safekeeping.
- **Travel:** While a colonoscopy is generally a safe procedure, there is a small chance of developing complications that may not be identified for up to a week or more after your procedure. We suggest that you do not plan this procedure within a couple of weeks prior to traveling, or an important social event.

## REGARDING YOUR MEDICAL HISTORY AND MEDICATIONS:

- If you take any medication for the purpose of being anti-coagulated, keeping your blood thin or preventing blood clots (example: warfarin, Plavix, Coumadin), you must contact our office to speak with a nurse at least two weeks BEFORE your procedure because you may need to stop taking them for a few days before your procedure. Aspirin does not need to be held.
- If you take any insulin OR oral (pill) diabetic medications please refer to page 5.
- Continue all other medications unless otherwise instructed.
- IF YOU ARE UNSURE ABOUT A PARTICULAR MEDICATION, PLEASE CALL AT LEAST 10 DAYS IN ADVANCE TO SPEAK WITH A NURSE.

## **AFTER YOUR PROCEDURE:**

- **REMEMBER:** You may not drive, work, or engage in important decisions (e.g. financial issues) for the rest of the day after your procedure.
- A **responsible person must pick you up** after your procedure to accompany you home and stay with you for the remainder of the day, as you will have been sedated and will not be allowed to drive home. **You can NOT use public transportation - like bus, Lyft, or Uber.**

**IF YOUR APPOINTMENT IS IN THE AFTERNOON, YOUR DRIVER MUST BE ON PREMISES BY 4:00PM.**

### **Diabetic Medication Instructions**

**Oral Medications (pills):** The day before your procedure and the morning of your procedure do not take your oral diabetic pills.

#### **Insulin:**

**Short Acting/Rapid Acting Insulin:** i.e., Novolin R, Novolog, Humulin R, Humalog, Novorapid.

- While on clear liquids, please do not take short acting insulin. On the day of the procedure, do not take the morning dose of your insulin.

**Intermediate/Long Acting Insulin:** Lantus, Levemir, Humulin N, Novolin N.

- While on clear liquids, decrease insulin dose by ½ your normal dose.
- For example: If you usually take Lantus 30 units each evening, you will reduce this to 15 units for the evening *before* the procedure (while on clear liquids).

**\*Do not take your morning dose of insulin the day of your procedure.\***

If you are unsure of how to adjust your diabetic medications, or would like to speak to a nurse regarding this, please contact the GI office at [585-275-4711](tel:585-275-4711).

If you have questions about these instructions, think you may be pregnant or need to cancel your appointment for any reason please call us at (585) 275-4711 between 8:00-4:30 pm Monday through Friday or reach out to us via MyChart.