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## Golytely Colonoscopy Instructions

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Your Procedure has been scheduled for: \_\_\_\_\_

Check in time: \_\_\_\_\_ Procedure time: \_\_\_\_\_

### Please Register at:

- Scripps Mercy Hospital 4077 Fifth Avenue. (619) 260-7026  
Check in at "Cardiology/Endoscopy Registration" on the 2nd floor (next to Surgery)
  
- San Diego Endoscopy Center 4033 Third Avenue, Ste. 106 (619) 497-2888

### What to bring

- Insurance card, ID card and credit card or other form of payment if your insurance requires you to pay a copay.
- Completed forms (if applicable) for the endoscopy center.
- A list of all your prescription and over the counter medications.
- A responsible adult to take you home after the procedure.
- Warm socks for the procedure and flat shoes for after the procedure.
- Please avoid wearing contact lenses or bringing jewelry/ valuables.

### One Week Before the Procedure

1. **STOP** using **iron**, herbals and any fish oil supplements. Preferably we also advise you to stop any non-steroidal anti-inflammatory medications like Ibuprofen, Motrin, Aleve, Naprosyn for 5 days prior to your procedure. Celebrex and Tylenol are ok.
2. If you are required to take aspirin daily by your physician for heart disease and/or stroke prevention, please continue to take it. Otherwise you may stop your aspirin for 5 days prior to the procedure.
3. If you take **Coumadin, Lovenox, Plavix, Effient** or any medication that thins your blood please contact the prescribing physician immediately for instructions. You may need to stop using these medications for 5-7 days before your procedure.

4. Please **AVOID seeds, nuts and popcorn** for the week before your procedure.
5. Purchase **Dulcolax** Laxative Tablets (four 5mg, a total of 20mg) Generic brand is acceptable to purchase. Optional -Purchase 2 gas tablets (Gas-X or Mylanta Gas).
6. Fill your prescription of **Golytely** from your pharmacy.
7. Arrange a ride home from the procedure. You will receive intravenous sedation and will not be able to drive for 18 hours following this procedure. PLEASE leave your valuables (except your insurance card, etc. as indicated above) at home or with the person who accompanies you.

## **The Day Before The Procedure**

1. Starting when you awake the day before your procedure, eat no solid foods and drink clear fluids all day. Clear fluids include:

<b>Clear fluids include any of the following:</b>		
Water	clear liquid broth/bouillon	white cranberry
Lemonade	coffee/tea without creamer	white grape juice
Ice popsicles	beer (one glass)	apple juice
Jell-o (no fruit)	Gatorade	white wine (one glass)

2. Starting at 5 PM, please drink an 8-ounce glass of Golytely **every 15 minutes** until you have consumed half of the solution. Place the remainder of the solution in the refrigerator.
3. At 6PM, take 4 Dulcolax tablets with 8 ounces of clear liquid.
4. At 9PM, take 2 gas tablets with 8 ounces of clear liquid.
5. Continue drinking clear liquid diet until midnight.
  - **DO NOT** drink anything red or purple or any dairy products.
  - You may apply a petroleum-based product or diaper rash ointment to the rectal area if you experience discomfort from frequent stools.

## **The Day Of Your Procedure**

1. Beginning 5 hours before your scheduled procedure time, drink the remaining half of the Golytely solution.
2. Drink 8 ounces every 10-15 minutes until the solution is gone.

3. If your procedure is scheduled in the early morning, you will need to get up in the middle of the night to take this dose of preparation. The correct timing of this dose is essential to an effective preparation.
4. Have nothing else to drink 3 hours before your procedure EXCEPT to take heart and blood pressure meds with a sip of water.
5. After the procedure you may eat your usual diet unless otherwise instructed. Drink 8 ounces of liquid at least 6 times after the procedure and before retiring for the night.
  - Do not take diabetes medicine until the procedure is over. Please see insulin instructions below.
  - Take other medicines 3 hours before the procedure or after you get home.
  - Do not drive for 18 hours after the procedure.

## Patient Checklist

IF YOU ARE AFFECTED BY ANY OF THE CONDITIONS LISTED BELOW, PLEASE FOLLOW THESE INSTRUCTIONS.

Diabetes	<p>Check with your physician regarding your dose of insulin and other diabetic medications needed the day before and the day of your procedure. Typically, we recommend that you do not take your oral hypoglycemic or insulin before your procedure. Bring it with you to take after your procedure. Check your blood sugar frequently while taking the prep solution and the morning of your procedure.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• If you take insulin, please take ½ of your usual dose the day before and ½ of your usual dose the day of the procedure.</li> <li>• If you take diabetes pills, please do not take any the day before your procedure.</li> </ul>
Hip or knee replacement in the past 6 months, vascular graft in the past year, coronary stent in the past 6 weeks	<p>You may need antibiotics before your procedure. Please arrive two hours before your scheduled procedure time. Do not schedule your procedure before 8:00am. Please inform the nurse and your physician.</p>
Aspirin	<p>If you are taking aspirin <b>PRESCRIBED</b> by your MD please continue to take it. If you do not have a heart or blood vessel or clotting disorder, and you are taking aspirin on your own without a doctor's advice, please stop taking aspirin 5 days before your procedure.</p>
Coumadin, Plavix, Heparin, Lovenox, Effient or other anticoagulants	<p>Ask the physician who prescribed your medicine how to take it before and after your procedure. If you cannot contact your physician, call us several days before your exam. If you take Coumadin, you may need a blood test two hours before your exam.</p> <p><i><u>Please do not assume that you can safely follow the same medication adjustments that have been made for your previous procedures.</u></i></p>

## **Important Reminders**

- Please allow 2 hours or so for the procedure.
- The Physician's fee is separate from the facility fee. There may also be a pathology fee if biopsies are taken.
- Many insurance carriers and managed care organizations require preauthorization or precertification. *If you have specific questions about coverage for your upcoming procedure, please contact your insurance company.*
- As a courtesy we will make every attempt to obtain the authorization for these procedures, please make sure we have your correct insurance information.
- Please note: although your upcoming colonoscopy may be scheduled as a screening procedure, the physician may find and remove a polyp or perform a tissue biopsy. The procedure may then be considered diagnostic and may not qualify for coverage as a screening service by your insurance. Insurance company policies vary regarding these matters and we urge you to contact your insurance company to obtain their policy on these types of procedures.
- If you need to cancel or reschedule your procedure, we ask that you contact the office at (619)291-6064 as soon as possible.

**You must cancel 7 (seven) working days in advance in order to avoid a cancellation fee.**