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COLONOSCOPY (Golytely/Colytely/Halflytely/Trilytely Preparation)

You must be accompanied by a driver who will register with you, wait with you during your procedure and drive you home. **Your procedure will be canceled if you have not arranged for this.** IF YOU NEED TO CANCEL OR RESCHEDULE YOUR PROCEDURE, PLEASE CALL 386.427.0390.

THREE-FIVE DAYS PRIOR TO COLONOSCOPY

- **Please notify Dr. DeCarli** if you are taking the following: Aggrenox or Persantine, Effient, Pletal, Planquenil, **PLAVIX, COUMADIN, WARFARIN or PRADAXA.**
- If you are taking any of the above medications **you must contact Dr. DeCarli. If you are taking Coumadin or Warfarin stop taking these 3 days before the procedure** unless otherwise instructed by Dr. DeCarli, as you may need to go on Lovenox injections.

TWO DAYS PRIOR TO COLONOSCOPY

- Read over your instructions and make sure you have everything you need to start the prep to clean your colon. You will need a prescription for the Trilyte. Your prescription will be sent electronically to the pharmacist. If the pharmacy DOES NOT have your prescription, please contact our office at 386.427.0390 so we can call it in at that time.
 - **Trilyte**
 - One 10oz bottle of Magnesium Citrate (Two 10oz. bottles if you are Constipated)
 - Two (2) Dulcolax laxative tablets

CONSTIPATED PATIENTS ONLY- PLEASE READ AND FOLLOW THESE ADDITIONAL INSTRUCTIONS.

If you have Constipation or had a previous problem with the colon cleansing preparation, you will need an extra day of preparation to ensure that your colon is clear. This allows for better visualization. **Thus, your prep needs to start two days prior to the colonoscopy.**

TWO DAYS PRIOR TO COLONOSCOPY- BEGIN THE CONSTIPATION PREP

- You will need two additional bottles of Magnesium Citrate for Day 1 and another for Day 2.
- **12:00 Noon – 6:00 PM** Take one (1) 10-oz. bottle of Magnesium Citrate (refrigerated) and drink the entire bottle over several minutes.
- After completed, drink at least three (3) 8-oz. glasses of water or clear liquid.
- Continue a clear liquid diet for the rest of the day.

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DAY BEFORE COLONOSCOPY

All Patients: For the entire day prior to the colonoscopy, you should only have a “clear liquid diet”. A “clear liquid” means that you can see through it. Solid food, milk, and milk products are NOT allowed. NO alcohol. *All* items consumed need to be clear, yellow, orange, or green. NOTHING RED, BLUE, OR PURPLE.

Clear liquids include:

- Water, or sodas – 7-Up, Sprite, cola, ginger ale
- Strained fruit juices, without pulp – Apple, White Grape, Lemonade
- Clear broth or bouillons
- Coffee or tea – **without milk or non-dairy creamer**
- Gatorade, Kool-Aid, or other fruit-flavored drinks – not red, blue, or purple
- Ice popsicles, or Plain Jell-O without added fruit or topping – not red, blue, or purple

TRILYTE PREPARATION: DAY BEFORE YOUR COLONOSCOPY PROCEDURE

Do **NOT** drink milk on this day.

Begin your clear liquid diet at 12 noon. We encourage you to drink a lot of fluids from the clear liquid diet. This will help clean out your colon faster.

- **Before 10 am:** You may have a light breakfast (Example: one (1) Piece of toast and one (1) scrambled egg).
- **TRILYTE Prep:** Mix as directed. Do not add any other ingredients. Refrigeration is required but do not keep for more than 48 hours.
- **12 pm (NOON):** Drink one 8 oz glass of the 64oz Trilyte solution every 10 minutes until you finish the entire one (1) gallon of Trilyte solution. You should finish drinking the Trilyte solution in 1½ hours.

During this period, it is beneficial to drink as much clear liquid as possible. If you get chills or feel bloated, slow down and drink some warm clear liquids. If you are having a difficult time drinking it, try to drink ½ the solution, wait a few hours, then complete the mixture.

- **4:00 PM:** Take 2 Dulcolax laxative tablets with one (1) 8 oz glass of water.
- **6:00 PM:** Drink ½ bottle of Magnesium Citrate with 16 ounces of any clear liquid.

*****Only clear liquids until midnight and nothing to eat or drink after midnight*****

DAY OF YOUR COLONOSCOPY PROCEDURE

- If you are an insulin-dependent diabetic take **1/2** your normal dosage of insulin the morning of your colonoscopy. If you are not insulin-dependent and take oral medication only, please do not take your oral medication until after your procedure.
- Please **DO** take any blood pressure, seizure, or heart medications, with a small sip of water the morning of your procedure.
- **You may not have anything to eat or drink until after your procedure.**

** Please bring a list of your medications with you on the day of your procedure. **