
Gallon Split prep for Colonoscopy



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7 Days Prior To Procedure:

- 1. Please obtain the prescribed colon preparation medication from your pharmacy.**
- 2. Stop taking aspirin, products containing aspirin, Plavix, Aggrenox, Alka-seltzer, iron supplements, vitamin supplements containing vitamin E & C, garlic, Ginseng, Ginkgo bilbao, Ginger, Saw Palmetto, Pepto-Bismol, multivitamins, fish oils, and any other herbal supplements.**
- 3. Stop taking non-steroidal inflammatory medications (NSAIDS) such as Motrin, Advil, Aleve, etc. Tylenol use is permitted.**
- 4. Avoid eating popcorn, nuts, corn, beans & fiber containing vegetables (corn, broccoli, etc.) for 3-4 days prior to the procedure. Dairy products, pasta, white bread, meats, poultry and fish are OK to eat for 3-4 days prior to the procedure.**
- 5. Regarding blood thinning medications. Please consult your prescribing physician regarding stopping blood thinning medications such as COUMADIN, ELIQUIS, XARELTO, PLAVIX, etc. prior to your procedure. If you have been instructed to continue any of these medications, please advise the gastroenterologist performing your procedure as soon as possible prior to the procedure so this can be discussed with your prescribing physician.**
- 6. Please give 48 hour notice prior to canceling or rescheduling your procedure. If you do not show up for your scheduled procedure, a \$50 fee will be charged to your account. The \$50 fee must be paid prior to rescheduling your procedure. If your procedure is not rescheduled within 30 days of your last office visit, an office visit to update your history and physical examination will be required prior to rescheduling your procedure.**
- 7. Due to the varied and unpredictable complexity of the procedures performed, please expect to be at our facility for at least 2-4 hours on the day of your procedure.**



On the day of the procedure:

Do not eat or drink anything until your procedure is complete. Do not chew gum. Do not eat mints. Do not eat hard candy. Do not eat ice. You may rinse your mouth with water, but do not swallow it.

- 1. Please ARRIVE at our facility at least 30 minutes prior to the time of your scheduled procedure to complete paperwork, have an IV started, have an anesthesia evaluation, etc.**
- 2. If you have diabetes and take insulin, take 1/3 of your usual dose on the morning of your procedure. Do not take any oral diabetic medications.**
- 3. PLEASE take your heart medications, blood pressure medications, and anti-seizure medications with small sips of water.**
- 4. You are required to have a responsible adult with you to be your designated driver. Upon arrival to our facility for your procedure, we will verify that you have a designated driver. The designated driver must remain in our facility until your procedure is complete. Please NOTE, If the designated driver is not present and/or does not plan to remain at our facility until your procedure is complete, your procedure will be cancelled or postponed until a designated driver is available if time permits. You cannot take a taxi, ride the bus, or utilize ride sharing services like Uber to transport you home after your procedure without a responsible adult to accompany you. You are not permitted to work or drive until the day after your procedure.**



COLON INSTRUCTIONS FOR GALLON PREP-SPLIT:

- 1. Fill the plastic container containing the prescribed medication to the fill line with lukewarm water on the day prior to the procedure. Adding a flavor packet may improve the taste. Shake the solution which may look cloudy once mixed. Place the container in the refrigerator until ready to start the colon prep.**
- 2. Please consume only clear liquids on the day prior to your procedure from the time you wake up until you go to bed. Please avoid the following: RED dye, GREEN dye, PURPLE dye, and DAIRY PRODUCTS. Examples of CLEAR LIQUIDS: Broth, JELL.O (no fruit in it), Tea, Soft Drinks, Popsicles, Fruit Juice (apple, white grape), Gatorade, Powerade, Sprite, 7-Up, Ginger Ale, and Water. Drink 8-16 oz every hour to prevent dehydration.**
- 3. Begin drinking the prescribed colon prep medication at 6:00 pm in the evening on the day prior to your procedure. Drink one 8oz glass, every 10 minutes, until 8 glasses are consumed (1/2 of the 1 gallon colon preparation medication). Drink each glass entirely rather than drinking small amounts continuously. Ice may be added if needed.**
- 4. If you feel ill after beginning the colon preparation medication, take a break until the feeling passes and then resume drinking the medication.**
- 5. You may feel cold while drinking the colon preparation medication because you are drinking rapidly. Drink plenty of clear liquids before going to bed to prevent dehydration.**
- 6. You should begin to have loose stools within 1-3 hours of drinking the colon preparation medication. Your stool should be watery (clear and liquid) prior to your procedure. Applying Vaseline to the anal area will help reduce anal irritation.**
- 7. 6 hours before your procedure time or at 6 am, drink the remainder of the colon prep medication. Drink one 8oz glass, every 10 minutes, until the container is empty. Following the colon preparation instructions is essential to having a clean colon and complete examination. If your stool is not watery (liquid and clear), your procedure will need to be rescheduled.**
- 8. You may drink clear liquids until 4 hours prior to your scheduled procedure time.**
- 9. Please DO NOT HAVE ANYTHING TO EAT OR DRINK UNTIL YOUR PROCEDURE IS COMPLETE. DO NOT EAT MINTS. DO NOT EAT HARD CANDY. DO NOT EAT ICE. YOU MAY RINSE YOUR MOUTH WITH WATER IF NEEDED BUT DO NOT SWALLOW IT. IF YOU EAT OR DRINK ANYTHING WITHIN 4 HOURS PRIOR TO YOUR PROCEDURE, YOUR PROCEDURE MAY BE DELAYED UNTIL A LATER TIME BY THE ENDOSCOPY STAFF FOR YOUR SAFETY.**



After the completion of the procedure:

- 1. You should not drive until the morning after your procedure.**
- 2. After your procedure is complete, you may experience abdominal cramping or bloating because of air introduced to distend the colon during your colonoscopy. This should resolve promptly with the passage of gas.**
- 3. Generally, you should be able to eat after your procedure; however your gastroenterologist may restrict your diet and activities depending on procedures performed during your colonoscopy.**
- 4. If a polyp was removed or biopsies obtained, a small amount of blood may be seen in your stool which should clear promptly. Please contact the gastroenterologist that performed your procedure or our facility if you have any questions or concerns.**

Useful Information:

- 1. Please be prepared to be near a restroom during the time of your colon preparation. The laxative effect of the medication can last from 1-4 hours.**
- 2. The laxative will cause you to have very loose and watery stools. Please drink all of the prescribed medication for your colon preparation to ensure that your colon is as clean as possible for your colonoscopy.**
- 3. Consider having substances such as Vaseline, A&D Ointment, Balenol lotion, etc. available to apply to the anal area to reduce anal irritation secondary to frequent bowel movements.**
- 4. Please pay close attention to the directions concerning what you should and should not consume prior to the procedure to avoid having to reschedule or repeat your procedure.**
- 5. Please allow enough time for the laxative effect of the colon preparation medication to complete prior to traveling.**