

Colonoscopy Bowel Prep Instructions - SuPrep

Procedure Date / Start Time _____

Your ARRIVAL Time _____

Procedure Location

Main Office (Dowell Springs Blvd) North Office (Delozier Way) West Office (Parkside Dr)

Planning for the Procedure:

- **You will need a driver** to take you home. You may not drive for at least 8 hours after your procedure is completed. We will not sedate you **unless** we have the name/phone # of the person who is taking you home.
- Your entire visit at our office on the day of your procedure may last up to 3 to 4 hours. Please advise your driver that they must remain in the unit or nearby during your entire visit.
- If you wear **dentures** -- for safety reasons, you will be expected to **remove** them before your procedure.
- Dress comfortably in clothes that can be easily removed/folded.
- If you have not received your bowel prep materials (laxative kit), or if you must cancel/reschedule your appointment, please call our office at 865-588-5121.

Supplies needed:

- Fill your prescription for **SuPrep** at your local pharmacy.

DRINKING THE PREP – Follow the instructions **exactly as written** to ensure a successful procedure.

7 days before your colonoscopy:

- If you take aspirin (325 mg or less) or NSAIDs (Advil, Aleve, Motrin, Mobic or ibuprofen), you may continue to take them as usual.
- If you take a blood thinner or high dose aspirin (greater than 325 mg), see attached sheet for instructions. Check with your doctor to be sure it is safe to hold your medication.
- Stop taking iron supplements and multivitamins that contain either iron or Vitamin E.

3 days before your colonoscopy:

- Stop eating popcorn, corn, seeds, nuts, beans, fruits with small seeds, and celery.
- If you take oral meds for diabetes, contact your doctor to see if your dose needs to be adjusted on the day before your procedure.

1 day before your colonoscopy:

- Begin a clear liquid diet (see table below). **No solid food is allowed on this day.** Drink at least 8 glasses of water from 8 AM-4 PM.
- **At 5 PM**, pour the 1st bottle of **SuPrep** (6 oz) into provided container and add cold water to the fill mark. Drink the entire mixture. Follow this by drinking 2 additional glasses of water (16 oz each) over the next 1 hour.

Clear liquids which are allowed:

Gatorade, Pedialyte, or Powerade
Coffee or tea (No milk or non-dairy creamer)
Carbonated and non-carbonated soft drinks
Kool-Aid or other fruit-flavored drinks
Apple juice, white cranberry juice, or white grape juice
Jell-O, popsicles, clear broth

Non-clear liquids – NOT allowed:

Red or purple items of any kind
Alcohol
Milk or non-dairy creamers
Juice with pulp
Any liquid you cannot see through

Day of your colonoscopy:

- Four (4) hours before your procedure start time, pour the 2nd bottle of **SuPrep** (6 oz) into the container. As with the prior dose, add cold water to the fill mark. Drink the entire mixture. Follow this by drinking 2 additional glasses of water (16 oz each) over the next 1 hour.
- Two (2) hours before your procedure start time, you may take your morning meds with 1-2 sips of water. **DO NOT** drink anything else. **DO NOT** chew gum or eat hard candy. **DO NOT** use any form of tobacco (cigarettes, chew, dip). **DO NOT** wear any perfume or cologne. If you have asthma, bring your inhalers. If you take injectable insulin, bring it with you.

Additional helpful tips:

1. Stay near a toilet! You will have diarrhea, which can be quite sudden. This is normal.
2. If you have nausea or vomiting with the prep, give yourself a 30-60 minute break, rinse your mouth or brush your teeth, then resume drinking the prep.
3. Anal skin irritation or hemorrhoid inflammation may occur. If this happens, treat it with over-the-counter-remedies, such as hydrocortisone cream, baby wipes, Vaseline, Desitin, or TUCKS pads. Avoid products containing alcohol. If you have a prescription for hemorrhoid cream, you may use it. Do not use suppositories.