

MiraLAX (polyethylene glycol) with Bisacodyl Colonoscopy Instructions

Do not discard these instructions - you will need them when your prep is delivered.

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2 WEEKS BEFORE	5 DAYS BEFORE	2 DAYS BEFORE	1 DAY BEFORE	DAY OF EXAM
<p>If you have not received prep materials, please call 612-467-1984.</p> <p>If you take blood-thinning or anti-platelet medication, please contact the doctor that prescribes this medication to see if they can be safely stopped before your procedure.</p> <p>If you take a daily Aspirin for your heart, do not stop this.</p> <p>If you have diabetes, you may need to check your blood sugar more frequently while taking the prep.</p> <p>If you are going to have sedation for your procedure, you MUST have a driver or a responsible adult to escort you home on alternate transportation.</p>	<p>*Buy a 64 oz bottle of Gatorade or Powerade (nothing red colored)</p> <p>Stop taking iron pills (ferrous sulfate/ ferrous gluconate).</p> <p>Stop taking fiber supplements.</p>	<p>Eat a normal (low fiber) breakfast.</p> <p>12:00 p.m. (noon) start a clear liquid diet. NO solid food from now until your procedure.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Juices (white grape, white cranberry, apple) ✓ Gatorade®, Pedialyte®, or Powerade® ✓ Jell-O®, popsicles, hard candy ✓ Clear broth or bouillon ✓ Coffee, tea (no dairy) ✓ Sprite®, 7-up®, Ginger ale, Crystal Light®, Lemonade ✓ No red colors. ✓ No alcohol. 	<p>Continue clear liquid diet.</p> <p>Drink 8-10 glasses of clear liquids throughout the day & evening.</p> <p>12:00 p.m. (noon) take 2 Bisacodyl 5mg tablets by mouth</p> <p>4:00 p.m. mix full bottle of MiraLAX with 64 oz of Gatorade in a large pitcher. Stir until the powder dissolves.</p> <p>Drink HALF of the pitcher (32 oz) by 6:00 p.m. Save the remaining ½ pitcher (32 oz) in refrigerator.</p>	<p>6 hours before your appointment time Drink the remaining ½ pitcher (32 oz) of MiraLAX solution. Finish this within 2 hours.</p> <p>Take morning medications with sips of water.</p> <p>*If you take insulin or pills for diabetes, do not take your morning dose until after the procedure. <i>Check your blood sugar prior to your appointment.</i></p> <p>You may continue clear liquids until 2 hours before your procedure. (Nothing by mouth within 2 hours)</p> <p>*If you are scheduled for blood draw, go to BA-117 prior to your procedure.</p>
	<p>3 DAYS BEFORE</p> <p>Start low fiber diet.</p> <p>Avoid:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Raw fruits/ vegetables • Any whole wheat/ high fiber foods • Popcorn • Salad greens • Nuts/ seeds • Beans <p>Stop taking any antidiarrheal medications, such as loperamide (Imodium)</p>			

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To Cancel or Reschedule your procedure: GI Scheduling Line 612-467-4199
 For questions regarding procedure or prep only: GI Nurse Line 612-467-1984