

## MIRALAX PREP

 COLONOSCOPY

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### READ ALL INSTRUCTIONS A WEEK BEFORE YOUR PROCEDURE

If you have questions, please call our office 303-788-8888, or visit [www.southdenvergi.com](http://www.southdenvergi.com).

#### 7 DAYS PRIOR TO PROCEDURE

- **STOP** Iron Supplements a week before the colonoscopy as they can be constipating.
- If you take **BLOOD THINNERS** we will obtain authorization from your prescribing doctor. We will call you with specific instructions. If we have not called you within 7 days of your procedure, please call our office immediately.
- If you take **Warfarin, Coumadin, or Jantoven**, you must have your **PT/INR** checked the day before your procedure. We will give you specific instructions for this test.
- **DO NOT STOP** heart, blood pressure or other regular medication unless your doctor instructs you to do so.
- You may continue to take aspirin as prescribed.
- If you are scheduled to have anesthesia, the anesthesiologist may contact you to review your medical history, medications and allergies.
- If you are on medication for **DIABETES**, check with the doctor that prescribes it because you may need a dose change the day before or the day of your procedure.
- If you take a prescription type weight loss medication such as **Phentermine** you must hold it for 7 days before the procedure.
- If you use inhalers or a CPAP, please bring them with you
- **YOU WILL NEED TO PURCHASE**
  - 255GM BOTTLE OF MIRALAX (Generic Flycolax) and
  - 2 Docolax (Bisacodyl) laxative tablets
  - 1 64 oz bottle of Gatorade or Crystal Light (Not red or purple)

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

#### 1 DAY BEFORE THE COLONOSCOPY

- First thing in the morning, mix the entire bottle of Miralax into the 64 oz liquid and refrigerate
- Start on a CLEAR LIQUID diet when you get up and continue all day. Do not eat any solid foods.
- If you are scheduled after 12 Noon, tomorrow, you may have a small serving, light breakfast today before 9AM – then start clear liquids.
- You must complete this prep even if you already have diarrhea.
- **YOU MAY NOT HAVE** anything red or purple (as they can stay in the GI tract and look like blood), milk, milk products, non-dairy creamers, orange or grapefruit juice or alcoholic beverages
- **YOU SHOULD DRINK 8 OUNCES OF CLEAR LIQUID EVERY HOUR FROM THIS LIST:**

Clear Broth (Chicken, Vegetable or Beef Bouillon)	Broth or Consommé	Tea
Coffee (No cream, milk or non-dairy creamer)	Kool-Aid (No red or purple)	Gatorade/PowerAde
White Cranberry Juice	Apple Juice	Lemonade/Limeade
Italian Ices / Popsicles	Jell-O	Hard Candy
- If you are on medication for **DIABETES** follow your prescribing doctor's recommendations for these medications. You should drink clear liquids with sugar because you will not be eating. If you monitor your blood sugar continue to do this at your usual times. Check your blood sugar before you leave for the procedure.
- Continue taking heart, blood pressure and time sensitive medication today and the day of the colonoscopy.
- **AT 12:00PM – Noon** – Take the 2 bisacodyl tablets with a glass of water
- **AT 6:00 P.M. THE NIGHT BEFORE** your Colonoscopy, drink one 8oz cup of the Miralax/fluid mixture every 15 minutes until gone  
- You should continue to drink clear liquids through the night

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

#### THE DAY OF THE COLONOSCOPY

- Your stools should now be watery, clear/yellow. If your bottom is sore you may use a wet washcloth, A&D Ointment, Preparation H or a similar cream.
- **AFTER** \_\_\_\_\_ (4 hours prior to procedures) **YOU MAY NOT DRINK ANY MORE LIQUIDS, INCLUDING WATER**