

**GoLytely SPLIT DOSE  
PREPARATION FOR COLONOSCOPY for constipation**

Please read these instructions carefully and call the office if you have any questions.

**PURCHASE AT THE PHARMACY:**

- 2 Dulcolax (bisacodyl) 5mg tablets
- 2 – 1 gallon GoLytely preps (total of 2 gallons) - prescription only

**FIVE DAYS PRIOR TO YOUR PROCEDURE:**

- All aspirin and anti-inflammatory medications including ibuprofen, Motrin, Aleve, naproxen, Naprosyn, sulindac, piroxicam, Feldene, indomethacin, diclofenac, and Voltaren **are to be continued**. Tylenol (acetaminophen) is also safe to continue.
- If you are taking Coumadin (warfarin), Plavix (clopidogrel), Pradaxa (dabigatran), Xarelto (rivaroxaban), Eliquis (Apixaban) or other blood thinners, please contact our office to determine if an office visit may be required prior to your procedure to discuss if and when these anticoagulants need to be stopped.
- Stop all fiber supplements including Metamucil, Citrucel, Benefiber, FiberChoice and flax seeds. **If you are taking these to treat constipation, you may take 17g of Miralax daily starting five days prior to your procedure in place of the fiber.**
- If you are diabetic and use insulin, please contact our office for insulin instructions.
- Please call our office if you have any questions about which medications you should or should not take.
- 3 days prior to your exam, avoid nuts and seeds.

**ONE DAY PRIOR TO YOUR EXAM:**

- Take only clear liquids by mouth. This includes clear juices (apple, grape, strained orange, strained lemonade), tea, coffee (no creamer or milk), soft drinks, Gatorade/Powerade, clear broth or bouillon, Jell-O, and popsicles.
- Avoid red drinks, red Jell-O, and dairy products.
- Consume large amounts of fluids to avoid hunger or dehydration and assist in cleansing the bowel.
- In the morning mix the GoLytely solution according to the instructions in the kit and refrigerate.
- **At 10:00 am, take one (1) Dulcolax tablet-you may experience cramps and stools after ingestion.**
- **At 3:00 pm, take another (1) Dulcolax tablet-you may experience cramps and stools after ingestion.**
- **At 5:00 pm begin drinking GoLytely as instructed: an 8 ounce glass every 10-15 minutes until you've finished the 1 gallon GoLytely solution. This will induce stools. If you feel nauseated, decrease the rate at which you are drinking.**

**THE DAY OF THE PROCEDURE:**

- **Mix the 2<sup>nd</sup> (1 gallon) GoLytely solution according to the instructions in the kit and refrigerate.**
- **Drink the mixture starting 6 hours before scheduled appointment time (i.e. if you appointment is at 10 am, you should start at 4 am. If it is at 1 pm, you should start at 7 am). Drink 8 ounces every 10-15 minutes, till you drink half of the 2<sup>nd</sup> gallon of GoLytely solution. You must finish within 2 hours of starting so that your stomach is empty for your exam.**

- You may continue to drink clear liquids until 4 hours prior to your procedure.
- DO NOT take anything by mouth for 4 hours prior to your procedure.
- Take your usual prescribed medications with small sips of water. Refer to above instructions for anti-inflammatory medications.
- Please bring a list of your current medications with the correct dosages to your appointment.
- **NO DRIVING**-Because of the sedatives that you will be given **you cannot drive for the remainder of the day**. You may use a taxi after the procedure. You must have someone present to drive you home after the procedure or we may cancel your exam.
- You will be sedated for your procedure. Please plan to avoid making important decisions for the remainder of the day after your procedure. We recommend you do not plan to work the day of your procedure.
- **We cannot be responsible for your valuables. Please leave them at home.**

You are scheduled with Dr. \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Check in time: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Boise Endoscopy Center, 425 W Bannock Street, Boise

\_\_\_\_\_ Meridian Endoscopy Center, 2235 E Gala Street, Meridian

\_\_\_\_\_ St. Luke's Boise Regional Medical Center (Admitting), 190 E Bannock St, Boise

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