

MIRALAX PREPARATION INSTRUCTIONS

Read and follow all instructions carefully

Important: Do not eat breakfast the day prior to your procedure

PURCHASE AT THE PHARMACY

- 4 Bisacodyl Laxative 5mg tablets (make sure they are the **laxative tablets** NOT stool softener)
- 1-238 gram bottle of MiraLAX (non-prescription)
- 1-119 gram bottle of MiraLAX (non-prescription)
- 96 ounces of a sports drink of your choice (any color except red)
- 4 tablets Zofran (prescription for nausea will be sent in closer to your procedure)

PREPARATION FOR YOUR PROCEDURE

- If you **do not** have regular, daily bowel movements, or are on a GLP1 medication let us know. You will need different instructions to have a successful exam.
- Continue all** aspirin and anti-inflammatory medications including ibuprofen, Motrin, Aleve, naproxen, Naprosyn, sulindac, piroxicam, Feldene, indomethacin, diclofenac, and Voltaren. Tylenol (acetaminophen) is also safe to continue.
- If you take a prescribed blood thinner you will need holding instructions from our office.**
- Arrange to have a driver take you home after the procedure. You will not be allowed to drive after receiving sedation.
- If you have diabetes or are taking medications for weight loss, use the following instructions:**
 - Fasting (going without food) is required for this procedure, monitor your blood sugar and follow these directions
 - Insulin Pump: Leave on, if you have questions refer to your endocrinologist.
 - Long-acting Insulin: half dose the evening before procedure. Do not take the morning of your procedure.
 - Short-acting insulin: dose as necessary with blood sugar monitoring.
 - Oral diabetic medication: do not take the morning of your procedure.
 - GLP1: Do not take the day of your procedure (may take day before or day after).
 - If you are concerned about your blood sugar dropping, consider purchasing glucose tablets.

**CALL MON-FRI 7 AM – 5 PM
OR CALL OUR AFTER HOURS NUMBER**

Meridian Endoscopy Center	(208) 695-2100
Boise Endoscopy Center	(208) 342-7169
Canyon County Endoscopy Center	(208) 954-8218
After Hours	(208) 343-6458

5 Days Before Your Appointment

- No nuts or seeds.
- Stop all fiber supplements including Metamucil, Citrucel, Benefiber, FiberChoice and flax seeds.
- Stop all iron supplements, fish oil, CBD oil, or any oil-based supplements.

The Day Before Your Appointment

- Step 1**
 - From the moment you wake up, start a clear liquid diet. Do not eat breakfast. Avoid red beverages.**
 - This includes clear juices (apple, grape, strained orange, strained lemonade), tea, coffee (no milk or creamer), soft drinks, sports drinks (Gatorade, Powerade), clear broth or bouillon, Jell-O, and Popsicles.
 - Avoid red drinks, red Jell-O, and dairy products.
 - Consume large amounts of clear fluids to increase success of the bowel flush, help avoid hunger and avoid dehydration.**
- Step 2**
 - 3:00 pm, take the (4) Bisacodyl tablets. You may experience cramps and stools after ingestion.**
- Step 3**
 - 5:00 pm, mix the full bottle of MiraLAX (238 g or 14 capfuls) into 64 ounces (8 Cups) of your selected sports drink. Shake until completely dissolved.**
 - To decrease the chance of nausea, you may take one Zofran tablet 30-60 minutes prior to drinking your prep.

- Drink one 8 - ounce glass every 10-15 minutes until you have finished the 64 ounces (8 cups).
- If no stools occur within 2 hours of completion, **repeat this step**. This will require you to purchase more MiraLAX and sports drink.
- If you experience nausea while taking your prep, stop drinking and allow the nausea to settle. You may take a second Zofran tablet to help ease your nausea. When you resume drinking, drink slower or through a straw to help avoid nausea. If vomiting occurs, please call us at the numbers above.
- Continue drinking clear liquids. This helps your prep be more successful.

The Day of Your Appointment

- **6 hours prior to your procedure** (i.e., if your appointment is at 10 am, start at 4 am. If appointment is 1 pm, start at 7 am)
 - **Mix the remaining bottle of MiraLAX (119 g or 7 capfuls) with the remaining 32 ounces of sports drink. Shake until completely dissolved.**
 - Drink 8 ounces every 10-15 minutes.
 - To decrease the chance of nausea, you may take one Zofran tablet 30-60 minutes prior to drinking your prep. If you experience nausea while drinking your prep you may take the fourth and final Zofran tablet.
- Stools should be watery, yellow and see-through. If you have concerns about the quality of your prep, please call us.
- Continue consuming clear liquids to avoid dehydration up until 4 hours prior to your scheduled procedure.
- **4 hours prior to your procedure STOP drinking fluid. You may take small sips of water only to take your prescribed medications – this is very important. Drinking within 4 hours of your procedure may result in delay or cancellation.**
- Bring a list of your current medications and correct dosages to your appointment.
- **NO DRIVING –you cannot drive for the remainder of the day if you are sedated.** You need to have a responsible driver to take you home after your procedure. If your driver wishes to discuss the results of your procedure with the doctor, please have them accompany you to your procedure and **remain on site**.
- We do not recommend Uber, Lyft, or taking a taxi – these are not acceptable forms of transportation.
- You will be sedated for your procedure. **Please avoid alcohol and making legal decisions for the remainder of the day after your procedure.**

You are scheduled with Dr. _____

Report at _____ on _____ to:

_____ Boise Endoscopy Center, 425 West Bannock Street, Boise

_____ Meridian Endoscopy Center, 2235 East Gala Street, Meridian

_____ Canyon County Endoscopy Center, 1216 Garrity Boulevard, Nampa

_____ St. Luke's Boise Regional Medical Center, 190 E. Bannock Street, Boise

(Main hospital entrance. Out-patient Registration)

_____ St. Luke's Meridian Medical Center, 520 S. Eagle Road, Meridian

(Eagle Road entrance. Out-patient Registration)

_____ St. Luke's Nampa Medical Center, 9850 W. St. Luke's Drive, Nampa

(Main hospital entrance. Out-patient Registration)

Helpful Tips:

- Clear liquids only the day before and day of your exam. Do NOT drink any fluids 4 hours prior to your exam.
- You **must** complete your **entire bowel prep**. We often see poor bowel preparations because patients stop drinking.
- If you have trouble drinking the prep, try sucking on ice or a lemon wedge, brush your teeth, chew gum, or rinse your mouth.
- If you finish the whole prep and your stool is brown, thick, or not clear please call us for advice.
- If you are nauseated or vomit with the prep, stop drinking to allow your stomach to settle and take the Zofran we provide.
- You may not remember your conversation with your doctor after your procedure – we STRONGLY recommend your driver stays IN our facility to speak with the doctor after your test.

Your procedure time will be approximately 90 minutes from the scheduled check-in time to discharge for procedures in the Meridian, Boise, and Canyon County Endoscopy Centers. Please coordinate with your driver to alleviate delays in discharge. Patients' stay times for hospital procedures may be longer.

We cannot be responsible for your valuables (*watches or various jewelry items*). Please leave them at home.

Bring all insurance cards and a photo ID with you. Please check with your insurance company regarding prior authorization. Fee for services is required at time of check-in. Please be prepared to make a payment.

IGA recognizes that your time is valuable, and so is ours. If you need to cancel or reschedule an appointment, please do so more than 48 hours prior to your scheduled appointment arrival time at 208-343-6458. Late cancellations and no shows may be assessed a \$200 fee.