

# COLONOSCOPY INSTRUCTIONS FOR COLYTE®/CLEAR LIQUID

If you have a history of constipation (move your bowels 2-3 times weekly) you may need additional bowel prep to help clear your colon. Please contact the intake nurse to discuss prep options at **309-370-6838**. Be prepared once you start drinking the prep, it may take effect at any time.

STEP  
**1**

## 7 DAYS PRIOR TO PROCEDURE

- Stop taking Phentermine (Apidex), iron supplements, vitamins containing iron and Olestra/Olean (i.e. WOW chips)

### CHECK FOOD LABELS

- AVOID FOODS THAT HAVE SEEDS, NUTS, LETTUCE CABBAGE, CORN, BEANS
- STOP FIBER SUPPLEMENTS
- PICK UP THE PREP & PURCHASE A SMALL BOTTLE OF MIRALAX AT THE PHARMACY.



**Do not follow the prep instructions listed on the box, contained in the insert or given to you by the pharmacy. Please follow the instructions we have provided for proper preparation for your procedure.**

- If taking Plavix, Effient, Aggrenox, Coumadin, Eliquis, Pradaxa or any blood thinning medication, please inform our nurse at the time of their call. This medication will need to be held prior to the procedure and an order obtained from the prescribing physician.

*If diabetic, please contact your primary care doctor regarding instructions for diabetic medication while on the clear liquid diet.*

STEP  
**2**

## 3 DAYS BEFORE PROCEDURE

- Take 1 dose of Miralax (generic glycolax) which is over the counter - every AM until you start your prep. (follow instruction on bottle)

STEP  
**3**

## 1 DAY BEFORE PROCEDURE ALL DAY

- Stay on clear liquid diet the entire day (no solid food on this day).
- Drink 8 ounces of clear liquid every hour beginning at 6 AM. This is not the prep solution.
- **DO NOT** consume any products containing red dye. No pulp. No alcohol.

*Liquids allowed: Regular or decaf tea or coffee. (NO DAIRY PRODUCTS OR DAIRY SUBSTITUTES). Any carbonated beverages. Kool-Aid, Gatorade, and sports drinks 100% fruit juices. Jell-O. (do not add fruit, vegetables, or dairy products). Popsicles (plain, not creamy, or fruity). Sugar. Honey. Fat Free Broth or Bouillon. If you are diabetic, you may drink Boost Breeze or Ensure Clear only; This is a clear liquid, all other ensures are not allowed.*

STEP  
**4**

## 1 DAY BEFORE PROCEDURE STARTING AT 6 PM

- Mix gallon according to directions on the jug. Drink 3/4 of gallon (3 Litres). Drink 8oz every 15 minutes until you have 1 liter left.
- If you have trouble drinking the solution, please slow down. We don't want you to throw up prep. It is **very important** that all water is drank and retained.
- Prep may cause chills after drinking it.

STEP  
**5**

## DAY OF PROCEDURE STARTING 6 HOURS PRIOR TO YOUR PROCEDURE

- Drink the last remaining liter of your gallon until gone. **This is a very important part of the prep process.**
- It is important to drink the second dose on the day of your procedure as it cleans out your colon better and will help us to identify polyps.

**Please make sure you are looking at every stool.** Stool should appear watery, clear to yellow in color with no sediment.

## 4 HOURS BEFORE PROCEDURE DO NOT DRINK ANY MORE LIQUIDS.

- 2 hours before procedure, take heart or blood pressure medication with a small sip of water.
- Please do not apply lotions, perfume, or cologne the morning of your procedure.
- Females may be required to do a urine pregnancy test prior to the procedure. Please inquire about test at the desk, upon arrival, or before using the restroom.

## TIPS FOR IMPROVED BOWEL PREP

- Try drinking water through a straw
- Rinse mouth with water, clear soda, or mouthwash after drinking
- Apply diaper rash cream/zinc oxide liberally after each trip to the bathroom

 **Central Illinois**  
**EndoscopyCenter**