

## TRIANGLE GASTROENTEROLOGY Colonoscopy Preparation – Half Lytely

**Must purchase from Pharmacy: HalfLytely Bowel Prep Kit w/ Flavor Packs**

### REMINDERS \_\_\_\_\_

- If you take insulin or oral diabetic medication, please call for specific instructions prior to your exam. Check your blood sugar before coming in for your procedure.
- If you use inhalers or a CPAP machine, bring them with you.
- Please let us know if you have a cardiac defibrillator.
- Do not take any product containing Ibuprofen, Aspirin, Iron (Multi-Vitamins, etc.) or arthritis medications (including over the counter), for four days prior to the procedure. If you have any kind of pain, you may take Tylenol.
- If you take blood thinners (i.e.: Coumadin or Plavix) please contact your prescribing physician for instructions if and when to stop these medications prior to your procedure.
- ***Please arrange for an adult to drive you to the surgery center, to remain there with you until you are discharged, to drive you home and to stay with you for 24 hours after surgery.***

### THE DAY BEFORE THE EXAMINATION \_\_\_\_\_

Drink only clear liquids for all meals and snacks. Eat no food or milk products. (Refer to Clear Liquid Diet Sheet)



1. **Morning:** Prepare HalfLytely by picking one flavor pack tear open and pour in jug. Fill the jug with lukewarm water up to the “Fill Line” indicated on the jug. Shake well and place the bottle in the refrigerator. You should be on a **CLEAR LIQUIDS ONLY** diet all day.



2. At **4:00 p.m.** Take one (1) Bisacodyl tablet with water. Do NOT chew or crush. Do not take the Bisacodyl tablets within 1 hour of taking an antacid.



3. At **8:00 p.m.** Begin to drink the solution. Drink 8 ounces of HalfLytely every 15 minutes, until you have finished a total of 4 glasses (½ of the solution). You will drink the remainder of the solution the following morning. Continue drinking clear liquids until bedtime.

### THE MORNING OF YOUR PROCEDURE \_\_\_\_\_



1. At \_\_\_\_\_ **AM**, **repeat step 3** (at least four or five hours before your procedure). Nothing to eat or drink after the second half of your prep...not even water.

#### IMPORTANT TIPS:

- **DO NOT TAKE any medication the morning of your procedure.**

- The **prep will cause diarrhea** to clean your bowel for the exam. Once you have started the prep, do not make plans to leave home. Using baby wipes instead of toilet tissue reduces irritation from frequent wiping.
- If you become nauseated while taking the prep, ***slow your rate of drinking it.*** The prep will still be effective even if you drink it over 2 to 4 hours. It is unlikely to work if you do not complete it. An ineffective preparation may result in cancellation of the procedure.
- If for any reason you must cancel this procedure please give a 48 hour notice or you will be charged \$100.00.

**Exam Date:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Exam Location:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Time to Arrive:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Time of Test:** \_\_\_\_\_

**If you have any questions, please call (919) 881-9999**

**\*If a biopsy is taken, there will be a separate bill from the pathology company\***

# CLEAR LIQUID DIET

One day before your procedure you are on a CLEAR LIQUID DIET.  
Please make sure you drink lots of fluids throughout the day.

## Foods that are allowed:

SOUPS:	Clear broth (chicken, beef, veggie), broth from noodle soup but <b>DO NOT</b> eat the noodles
BEVERAGES:	Tea (decaf/regular), clear soda, fruit flavored drinks (Gatorade-orange, lemon-lime), water
JUICES:	Apple, white grape, lemonade (NO ORANGE JUICE)
DESSERTS:	Jell-O (DO NOT USE RED/PURPLE FLAVORS), iced popsicles
MISC:	Sugar, salt, honey, syrup, clear hard candy

## NO RED OR PURPLE

## Foods that are NOT allowed:

Milk, milk drinks

Fruit juices with unstrained fruit

Meats and meat substitutes

Vegetables

Grains & starches

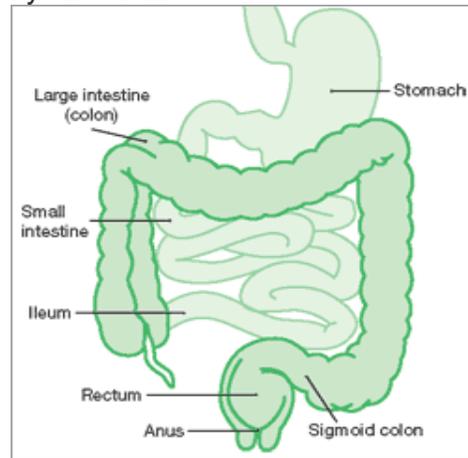
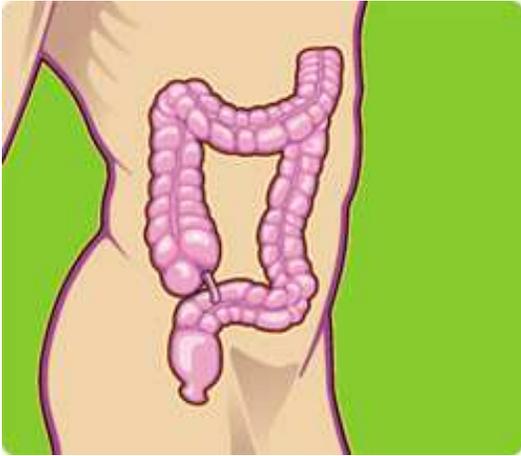
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PLEASE MAKE SURE AND STAY WELL HYDRATED ALL DAY THE DAY BEFORE YOUR PROCEDURE.

What is a colonoscopy?

A colonoscopy (co-lin-aws-cah-pee) is a common medical test. It may be given to look for early signs of cancer of the colon and rectum or to help diagnose certain medical conditions.

During the test, your doctor will put a thin, flexible, lighted tube, called a colonoscope, into your rectum and colon. The colonoscope lets your doctor take pictures and look at the lining of your colon.



Why does my doctor want me to have a colonoscopy?

Your doctor needs to know if there are any problems in your colon or rectum. During a colonoscopy, your doctor will check your colon and rectum to see if there are any polyps (small growths) or other irregularities.

I don't feel anything. Why do I need to be checked for colon cancer?

Very often, people don't feel anything in the early stages of colon cancer. That is why your doctor may want you to have a colonoscopy now. This test may help save your life. One of the purposes of a colonoscopy is to help your doctor look for signs of colon cancer. If there is cancer in your colon or rectum, the earlier your doctor can find and treat it, the better.

What happens during a colonoscopy?

First, your doctor will give you medicine to help you relax. Then you will lie on your side or back. Your doctor will slowly and gently put a thin, flexible tube into your rectum and up through your colon.

Will I feel anything?

Your doctor will give you medicine before the test. That way you will feel less discomfort. You may, however, feel some pressure, bloating, or cramping during the test.

How long will it take to do the test?

The test itself usually takes less than an hour. Then you will have to rest for a while until the effects of the medicine wear off. Just to be safe, do not plan to drive yourself home after your test. Ask a loved one or friend to go with you on the day of your test. Before leaving, your doctor will talk with you about your test and will let you know when you can go back to eating your regular diet.