



Digestive Care Center

General Procedure Instructions

Read and follow these instructions closely. Failure to follow them will result in your procedure being **cancelled or rescheduled** to a different day. These instructions are for your safety. Failure to follow them could cause severe complications, resulting in **HOSPITALIZATION or even DEATH.**

****DO NOT DRINK ANYTHING FOR FOUR (4) HOURS BEFORE YOUR SCHEDULED PROCEDURE START TIME. THIS EVEN INCLUDES CHEWING GUM, MINTS, OR SMALL AMOUNTS OF WATER AND MEDICATIONS.***

****NO TOBACCO PRODUCTS SIX (6) HOURS BEFORE YOUR SCHEDULED PROCEDURE START TIME.****

****Avoid CBD Oil and Marijuana use 24 hours prior to your procedure.****

****Please notify us** if you are taking any **blood thinning** medications, (ex: Coumadin, Plavix, Aggrenox, Xarelto, Eliquis, Pletal, Pradaxa, etc.) or Diabetic Medication.

Do NOT take any of the following medications for **SEVEN (7) days** prior to your procedure:

1. Iron medications or supplements (e.g. Fermalox, Niferex, Ferrous Sulfate), or vitamins containing iron
2. Any fiber supplements such as Metamucil, Citrucel, Konsyl

DO:

1. Call the facility where you will have your procedure with any questions regarding your medications or preparation instructions.
2. **Have an adult (18+) accompany you to the procedure. He/she MUST stay at the center the entire time you are there to be available for any emergencies and because some of the medication you will receive will impair your ability to drive.**
3. If you are having a colonoscopy, follow the prep instructions carefully and completely.
4. If you are having an upper endoscopy (EGD), begin a clear liquid diet at 11:00 PM the night before your procedure.
5. Stay hydrated by drinking plenty of clear liquids up to your four hour cutoff point.
6. Brush your teeth, but do not swallow water or toothpaste.
7. Check with the physician managing your medications regarding options for temporarily stopping any blood thinning medications or diabetic medications.
8. Take your normal dose of blood pressure, heart, or seizure medications. If, you should take medication the morning of your procedure, take it **at least four (4) hours prior to your procedure**.
9. Arrive for your procedure as directed. Your arrival time will be approximately one hour before your procedure begins. However, if your procedure is scheduled for 7:00am or 7:30am, please be aware that our office does not open until 6:30am. You do not need to arrive before 6:30am.
10. Because each case is different, many factors determine what time your procedure will actually begin. Please remain patient. We will do our best to accommodate you in a timely manner.



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Nulytely Colonoscopy Prep Instructions (Split Prep)

Purchase the following:

1. Four (4) Dulcolax LAXATIVE tablets , over the counter
2. One (1) bottle of Nulytely (or generic form) ***ONLY mix with water***

One week before your procedure do NOT eat:

Strawberries	Caraway seeds (rye bread)	Pineapple	Tomatoes
Chili or kidney beans	Lettuce	Popcorn	Corn
Olean products	Breads with sesame seeds	Red/orange Jell-O	Oranges
Fruit or vegetable skin/seeds	Peas	Grapefruit	Nuts

You may eat any food not listed above, including fruits and vegetables that are peeled and have the seeds removed.

The Day Before your Procedure, You MUST Start a Clear Liquid Diet, Limited Only to:

Fat-free broth or bouillon	Ginger ale	Iced tea
Coffee with NO creamer	Kool-aid	Soft Drinks (i.e. Coke, Sprite, Pepsi)
Hi-C	Clearfruit juices	Plain gelatin desserts

****Please avoid liquids containing RED, PURPLE, or, ORANGE dyes.**

****NO milk, orange juice, or tomato juice.**

1. Nulytely Solution can be used with flavor packs such as Crystal Light (AVOID Red, Purple, or Orange liquids). **Add water to the line** on the prep container, shake vigorously (you may mix the solution ahead of time and refrigerate prior to drinking if you prefer). The solution must be consumed within 24 hours of mixing.
2. **Between 5:00 pm and 6:00 pm**, take four (4) Dulcolax laxative tablets with eight (8) ounces of water.
3. **One hour later**, drink one 8 ounce glass of prep rapidly every 10 minutes until $\frac{3}{4}$ (3 liters) of the amount is consumed. ****Refrigerate the remaining 1 liter to consume the next day.**

The Day of Your Procedure

1. **5 hours prior to your procedure**, drink the remaining 1 liter (the rest of the bottle).
2. Drink as much clear liquid as you can until 4 hours before your procedure to prevent dehydration.

****DO NOT CONSUME ANYTHING 4 HOURS BEFORE YOUR PROCEDURE****