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### **Miralax Split Dose Prep**

It is important to follow these instructions exactly as written. If your colon is not completely cleaned out the doctor will not be able to see and you may have to repeat the prep and procedure another time.

**Procedure date and time:** \_\_\_\_\_

- Wilmington Health ASC, Endoscopy Unit - 3<sup>rd</sup> floor**
- NHRMC Endoscopy Unit**

**What to buy:** (you do not need a prescription; generic brands are acceptable)

- **Miralax** 238 grams
- **Dulcolax** (Bisacodyl) 5 mg **Laxative** tablets. You will need 4 tablets.
- **One 64-ounce bottle of Gatorade, Powerade, G2, or Powerade Zero** (no other liquids may be substituted; DO NOT refrigerate the drink before you mix in the Miralax – it makes it difficult to dissolve the powdered Miralax) **NO red, orange or purple colors!**

**The day before your procedure:**

- In the morning pour out 1 1/2 cups Gatorade to make room in the bottle for the Miralax. Pour the entire bottle of Miralax into the bottle of Gatorade, then refrigerate. (Miralax will not change the flavor or appearance of the Gatorade, so label the bottle once it is mixed)
- **You will be on a clear liquid diet all day. NO SOLID FOOD UNTIL AFTER YOUR PROCEDURE!**

**You MAY have:**

- Water, tea, black coffee, sodas, clear broths, apple juice, white grape juice, cranberry juice, popsicles, slushies, Italian ice, Hi-C, Kool-Aid, Jell-O, and hard candy.  
**(NO red, orange, or purple)**

**Do NOT have:**

- Meat, milk, cream, pudding, fudgesicles, sherbets, fruit bars, fruit or fruit toppings, cream soups, any juice containing pulp (orange, tomato, grapefruit)

★ **Please drink large volumes of clear liquids throughout the day to avoid dehydration and ensure a good prep.**

- **At 3:00 pm** take 2 Dulcolax tablets with 2 glasses of clear liquids.
- **At 5:00 pm** begin drinking the Miralax/Gatorade solution. Drink 8 ounces every 15-20 minutes until you finish half the bottle (**4 cups**). If you begin feeling bloated or nauseated you may take a break until you feel better, but you must finish **4 cups**. Many patients report it is helpful to use a straw.
- **At 9:00 pm** take 2 more Dulcolax tablets with 2 glasses of clear liquids.
- You may have clear liquids until **4 hours** prior to your exam.

**(See back for continued instructions)**



## Miralax Split Dose Prep (cont.)

### The morning of your procedure:

- Start drinking the 2<sup>nd</sup> half of the Miralax/Gatorade solution **6 hours** before your scheduled procedure time. Drink 8 ounces every 15 minutes until you have finished the bottle.
  - You need to take your usual morning medications with only SIPS of water at least **4 hours** prior to your scheduled procedure time.
- ★ **NOTHING by mouth for at least 4 hours prior to your procedure(s). This includes chewing gum, mints, hard candy, etc. For your safety, failure to comply with this will result in cancellation of your procedure(s).**

### Diabetic Patients:

On the day before your procedure: \_\_\_\_\_

On the morning of your procedure **DO NOT** take any insulin or diabetic medications.

### Patients on Blood Thinners:

Please take your last dose of \_\_\_\_\_ on \_\_\_\_\_.

### Important Information:

- **Children under the age of 18 are not allowed in the Endoscopy Recovery Room.**
- It tends to be cold in our office, so we encourage you to wear a thick pair of socks to keep warm.
- You will need to bring a form of payment for your copay or deductible. Please leave all other valuables, including jewelry at home. If you do bring a purse, please have your driver keep it for you during your procedure(s).

### **YOU CANNOT DRIVE YOURSELF HOME!**

Following discharge from our center, you will be transported by wheelchair to your vehicle. **A responsible licensed driver of at least 18 years of age must be present upon your arrival and remain in the building during your procedure until it is time to drive you home.** It is recommended that someone remain with you throughout the day. The anesthesia medication you receive during your procedure makes driving dangerous and illegal. **We cannot legally release you to drive. You will not be able to drive the rest of the day. You cannot take a taxi home.**

**Anesthesia services are billed separately by Carolina Anesthesia. Anesthesia billing questions may be directed to 1-800-951-7850. For billing information other than anesthesia you may call our benefit coordinator at 910-796-7754.**

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