

My Colonoscopy Prep Calendar — Standard Bowel Prep



7 days
before
procedure

Your Pharmacy Shopping List:

- 5mg Dulcolax tablets (or generic equivalent called bisacodyl).
- One 238g (8.3oz) bottle of Miralax (or generic equivalent called polyethylene glycol).
- One 64oz Gatorade, Pedialyte or any clear liquid of your choice (Any color EXCEPT for RED, BLUE or PURPLE). Diabetic patients are recommended to purchase a sugar-free version.
- One bottle Milk of Magnesia (or generic equivalent magnesium hydroxide).



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Your Grocery Shopping List:

- Purchase clear liquid products— examples include:
 - sports drinks (not red, blue or purple)
 - apple or white grape juice
 - ginger ale
 - clear broth or bouillon
 - water
 - coffee/tea without milk
 - clear carbonated beverages
 - plain Jell-O (not red, blue or purple and no fruit or toppings)
 - Italian ice



5 days
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- Stop taking any iron supplements.
- Confirm ride and contact phone number to your colonoscopy. You **MUST** have a ride home from a responsible adult as you will have received sedation for the procedure. (**NO** taxis, Lyft, Uber, etc).
- Please inform the person providing your ride that the appointment will take approximately 2½–3 hours.



3 days
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- STOP eating nuts, seeds, corn, beans or any fruit or vegetable with a skin.
- STOP taking fiber supplements.

- If you are **unable** to make your appointment, please call: **603.665.2470**.

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Thank you for your consideration.



2 days
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- Take 2 tablespoons of Milk of Magnesia at dinner time.



1 day
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- Consume only CLEAR LIQUIDS the entire day (no solid food, dairy, juice with pulp, alcohol or anything red, blue or purple in color).
- 3 PM:** Take 10 mg total of Dulcolax (2, 5mg tablets).
- 6 PM:** Mix Miralax 238g bottle with 64oz. Gatorade and shake until dissolved. Drink 8oz every 10-15 minutes until the bottle is HALF EMPTY (drink it fast). It will take approximately one hour to drink half the solution. Expect some discomfort.



procedure day

- Have **NOTHING** to eat or drink after **midnight**, except for finishing the Gatorade and/or taking any medications as ordered.
- 5 hours before your check-in time: FINISH THE MIRALAX** drinking 8oz. every 10-15 minutes until the bottle is empty

Important:

- If you are on **blood pressure medication**, you must **take your medication the morning** of your procedure, prior to check-in.



Please see important medical information on the reverse side

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IMPORTANT information

Please continue your daily medication regimen except for:

- Diabetic Patients:** Do not take any diabetes medication on the day of your procedure. If you have any questions, please call your prescribing provider. If you take insulin, call your prescribing provider and ask for instructions.
- Patients on Blood Thinners: YOU MUST** check in with your prescribing physician before stopping your medication. If you are currently taking an ASPIRIN daily, do not stop. Below is a list of common blood thinners and when, with **physician approval**, to discontinue them:
 - Ticlid (ticlopidine)—stop 10 days prior to procedure
 - Effient (prasugrel)—stop 7 days prior to procedure
 - Coumadin (warfarin), Plavix (clopidogrel) or Brilinta—stop 5 days prior
 - Pradaxa (dabigatran), Eliquis (apixaban) or Xarelto (rivaroxaban)—stop 48 hours prior
- Patients on Erectile Dysfunction medication:** Viagra, Cialis, Adcirca, Sildenafil or Revatio—stop 24 hours prior.
- Patients on Appetite Suppressant medication:** phentermine (brand names Lomaira, Adipex-P; also as phentermine/topiramate in Qsymia)—stop 4 days prior to procedure.
- Please **bring a list of your current medication** to the procedure and include dosing information.
- You will be contacted by Endoscopy **one week prior** to your procedure to review important details. You will also be contacted 48 hours prior to the procedure to be given your arrival time.
- If you have any discomfort** around the perianal region, use wet wipes instead of toilet paper and apply Vaseline or A&D Ointment to the rectum.
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Diabetic and Weight Loss Medications

- If you are taking the following medications, you must ensure that your procedure takes place at least eight (8) days after your most recent dose:**

Generic Drug	Brand Name
Dulaglutide	Trulicity
Exenatide (ER)	Bydureon BCise
Semaglutide	Ozempic, Wegovy, others
Tirzepatide	Mounjaro
Albiglutide	Tanzeum, Eperzan

- If you are taking the following medications, it will need to be held for seven (7) days prior to your procedure:**

Generic Drug	Brand Name
Exenatide (IR)	Byetta
Liraglutide (3mg)	Saxenda
Liraglutide (1.2mg, 1.8mg)	Victoza
Lixisenatide	Adlyxin
Semaglutide	Rybelsus

- Please ensure you are checking your blood sugar levels at a more frequent rate while you are holding these medications.**