

Miralax Gatorade Preparation

Please read all instructions thoroughly. After reading if any questions please call our office.

IF YOU ARE TO BE SEDATED, A RESPONSIBLE DRIVER MUST REMAIN IN THE FACILITY THROUGHOUT YOUR APPOINTMENT. NO EXCEPTIONS.

Purchase the following products:

- **Two (2) Dulcolax 5mg** (bisacodyl laxative) tablet, *not suppository or stool softener*
- **One (1) Miralax 238-gram bottles** or generic equivalent
- **One (1) Gatorade 64-ounce bottles. NOTHING RED, ORANGE OR PURPLE.** *Sugar-free drinks (G2, PowerAde Zero, Propel, Crystal Light or water) are also options.*

We recommend purchasing the following products:

- **Additional one (1) Miralax 238-gram bottles** or generic equivalent
- **Additional one (1) Gatorade 64-ounce bottles. NOTHING RED, ORANGE OR PURPLE.** *Sugar-free drinks (G2, PowerAde Zero, Propel, Crystal Light or water) are also options.*

Note: These items may be needed after 8PM, please see instructions below.

IF YOU ARE TAKING GLP MEDICATION FOR DIABETES OR WEIGHT LOSS PLEASE READ:

- **IF INJECTABLE GLP MEDICATION YOU MUST NOT TAKE THE MEDICATION SEVEN (7) DAYS PRIOR TO YOUR PROCEDURE.**
- **IF ORAL GLP MEDICATION YOU MUST NOT TAKE THE MEDICATION ONE (1) DAY PRIOR TO YOUR PROCEDURE.**

Starting SEVEN (7) Days BEFORE Your Procedure:

- STOP injectable GLP medication for diabetes or weight loss.

Starting THREE (3) Days BEFORE Your Procedure:

- Do NOT eat any nuts, seeds, corn, or anything that contains these items.

The Day BEFORE Your Procedure:

- Twenty-four (24) hours prior to your procedure STOP any oral GLP medication for diabetes or weight loss.
- You will be on a **clear liquid diet** all day. This includes breakfast, lunch, and dinner. **Clear liquids include** water, sports drinks, black coffee, tea, soda (light or dark), broth, Jell-O, popsicles, and juice without pulp. **NOTHING RED, ORANGE OR PURPLE. No dairy products. No solid food.** Drink plenty of **CLEAR LIQUIDS** throughout the day. Stay hydrated.
- At **12PM** (noon) take two (2) Dulcolax 5mg (bisacodyl laxative) by mouth. Mix one (1) bottle of Miralax with Gatorade in a separate container and refrigerate.
- At **4PM** drink one (1) 8 oz glass every 15-30 minutes until completed. You may slow down if you become nauseated. Continue drinking additional clear liquids throughout the evening.



- A soothing ointment (Desitin, Vaseline) may be applied to the anal area to prevent discomfort and skin breakdown.
- By **8PM** if you are still not passing clear or yellow tinted water after drinking the entire prep, please mix an entire bottle of Miralax with Gatorade in a separate container and drink one (1) 8oz cup every 15 minutes totaling 64oz (8 cups).
- If you are not passing clear or yellow tinted water after drinking the additional Miralax, please call 318-631-9121 for additional recommendations.
- After **12AM** (midnight), you may have nothing by mouth. This includes water, gum, mint. Otherwise, the procedure may be cancelled due to safety precautions.

The Day of Your Procedure:

- Take your regularly scheduled blood pressure, heart, and seizure medications with a sip of water at least two (2) hours before you arrive for your procedure.
- If you smoke, please **do not smoke** the day your procedure is scheduled.

Medications:

- If you have an inhaler, please bring it with you.

Diabetics:

- Test your blood sugar before coming in for your procedure and bring the reading with you.
- If you take oral medication or insulin, **DO NOT** take it the morning of your procedure.
- Bring your insulin with you.
- Please contact the physician that manages your diabetic care if you have any questions regarding your oral medication or insulin dosages.

Blood Thinners:

- If you are taking blood thinners, such as Coumadin, Warfarin or Plavix, call your prescribing physician and ask if you may stop taking the medication 3-7 days prior to your procedure if you have not received instructions.
- If a biopsy needs to be taken during your procedure and you **HAVE NOT** discontinued for 3-7 days, the procedure may have to be repeated.
- You may continue taking aspirin, ibuprofen and other anti-inflammatory medications.

Bring with you:

- Photo ID, insurance card(s) & completed paperwork forms that were sent to you.
- List of all medications, vitamins, and supplements you are taking (include dosage and last date and time each medication was taken before your arrival).

Financial:

- Be prepared to pay any out of pocket at check-in. Call your insurance company to verify your benefits and estimated responsibility.
- **Wear a loose fitting, short sleeve shirt.**
- **Leave all valuables at home.**

You will receive appointment reminders with the date, time, and location of your procedure. Please make sure your cell phone and email address are on file with our office.

Call our office with any questions.

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Preop Patient Prep

A Checklist from Your GI Crew



DO NOT

- Take diabetic medication
- Take blood thinners by doctor's direction
- Take anything by mouth – gum, candy
- Smoke
- Wear jewelry

DO

- Take blood pressure medication accordingly
- Bring a sweater/blanket
- Wear loose fitting clothing
- Bring entertainment

Please note your ride must stay, and you may have longer wait times.

Parking tips: Willis Knighton North/Albert Bicknell Drive/Day Surgery/GI lab Entrance