

SUTAB PREPARATION FOR COLONOSCOPY

****Your prep instructions differ from those included on the box, please follow these instructions carefully! ** Important: Please do not eat breakfast the day prior to your procedure!**

PURCHASE AT THE PHARMACY:

- Sutab Bowel Preparation (prescription)
- 4-tablets Zofran (prescription for nausea)

FIVE DAYS PRIOR TO YOUR PROCEDURE:

- All aspirin and anti-inflammatory medications including ibuprofen, Motrin, Aleve, naproxen, Naprosyn, sulindac, piroxicam, Feldene, indomethacin, diclofenac, and Voltaren **are to be continued**. Tylenol (acetaminophen) is also safe to continue.
- If you are taking Coumadin, Plavix (clopidogrel), Pradaxa or other blood thinners, please contact our office to determine if and when you need to stop these medications. An office visit is required prior to procedure to discuss these anticoagulants.
- Stop all fiber supplements including Metamucil, Citrucel, Benefiber, FiberChoice and flax seeds.
- If you are diabetic and use insulin, please contact our office for insulin instructions.
- PLEASE call our office if you have any questions about which medications you should or should not take.
- 3 days prior to your exam, avoid nuts and seeds.

ONE DAY PRIOR TO YOUR EXAM:

- Do not eat any solid food.** Take only clear liquids by mouth. This includes clear juices (apple, grape, strained orange, strained lemonade), tea, coffee (no milk or creamer), soft drinks, sports drinks (Gatorade, Powerade), clear broth or bouillon, Jell-O and Popsicles.
- Avoid red drinks, red Jell-O and dairy products.
- Consume large amounts of fluids to avoid hunger or dehydration.
- Take 1 tablet of Zofran to help prevent nausea 30 – 45 minutes prior to starting your prep. May repeat x 1.
- At 5:00 pm open 1 SUTAB bottle of 12 tablets. Fill provided cup with water to 16oz line. Swallow each tablet with a sip of water within 15-20 minutes. Wait 1 hour. Fill the provided cup two more times to 16oz line and drink both over the next 2 hours. This will induce stools.
- If you feel nauseous at any time while taking your prep try to drink more slowly, using a straw can help. If vomiting occurs, please call one of our numbers below for instructions.
- You may continue consuming clear liquids before and after the above medications.

THE DAY OF THE PROCEDURE:

- Take 1 tablet of Zofran to help prevent nausea 30 – 45 minutes prior to starting your prep. May repeat x 1.
- Start the second dose of SUTAB starting 6 hours before your exam's scheduled time** (eg: if your appointment is at 10 am, you should start at 4 am. If it is at 1 pm, you should start at 7 am). Fill provided cup with water to 16oz line. Swallow each tablet with a sip of water within 15-20 minutes. Wait 1 hour. Fill the provided cup two more times to 16oz line and drink both over the next 2 hours. This will induce stools. You must finish the second dose and two 16-ounce cups of water within 2 hours of starting, so that your stomach is empty for your exam.
- You may continue to drink clear liquids until 4 hours prior to your procedure.
- After completing the bowel preparation, your stools should be watery and fairly clear. Please contact our endoscopy department if your stools are not watery or you are concerned with the results of the preparation.
- DO NOT take anything by mouth for 4 hours prior to your procedure except medications.**
- Take your usual prescribed medications with small sips of water. If you are on anti-inflammatory medications or blood thinners, please see instructions above.
- Please bring a list of your current medications and correct dosage to your appointment.

- **NO DRIVING** – Because of the sedatives that you will be given **you cannot drive for the remainder of the day.** You may use a taxi after the procedure. You must have someone drive you home after the procedure.
- You will be sedated for your procedure. Please plan to avoid making important decisions for the remainder of the day after your procedure.

We cannot be responsible for your valuables. Please leave them at home. Bring all insurance cards and a photo ID with you.

You are scheduled with Dr. _____

Report at _____ on _____ to:

_____ Boise Endoscopy Center, 425 West Bannock Street, Boise

_____ Meridian Endoscopy Center, 2235 East Gala Street, Meridian

_____ Canyon County Endoscopy Center, 1206 Garrity Blvd., Nampa [Opening spring 2022]

_____ St. Luke's Boise Regional Medical Center, 190 E. Bannock Street, Boise

_____ St. Luke's Meridian Medical Center, 520 S. Eagle Road, Meridian

_____ St. Luke's Nampa Medical Center, 9850 W. St. Luke's Drive, Nampa

**Please check with your insurance company regarding pre-certification.

****Your procedure time will be approximately 90 minutes from the scheduled check-in time to discharge for procedures in the Meridian and Boise Endoscopy Centers. Please coordinate with your driver to alleviate delays in discharge. Patient stay times for hospital procedures may be longer. ****

For questions, call 208-343-6458 for the Boise office or 208-887-3724 for the Meridian office.