

2 DAY/MIRALAX/GATORADE CF PREPARATION FOR COLONOSCOPY

Please read these instructions carefully and call the office if you have any questions.

PURCHASE AT THE PHARMACY:

- 6 Dulcolax (bisacodyl) 5mg tablets.
- 510 gram bottle of Miralax (non prescription)
- 64 ounces of Gatorade, any flavor except red ones (e.g. X-factor)

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.

TWO DAYS PRIOR TO YOUR EXAM:

- **Eat a regular breakfast by 8 a.m. then take only clear liquids by mouth.** This includes clear juices (apple, grape, strained orange, strained lemonade), tea, coffee (no milk or creamer), soft 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.
- At Noon, take two (2) Dulcolax tablets, you *may* experience cramps and stools after ingestion. Take (2) Dulcolax at 6:00pm.

ONE DAY PRIOR TO YOUR EXAM:

- Continue the clear liquid diet from the day before.
- At 10:00 am, take one (1) Dulcolax tablet- you *may* experience cramps and stools after ingestion.
- At 3:00 pm take another (1) Dulcolax tablet-you *may* experience cramps and stools after ingestion.
- At 5:00 pm mix the full bottle of Miralax (510 grams) into 64 ounces of Gatorade. Shake until completely dissolved.
- Drink the entire 64 ounces starting at 5:00pm. You will drink Eight 8 ounce glasses of the mixture. Take one 8oz glass every 10-15 minutes until you've finished the first half. This will induce stools.

THE DAY OF THE PROCEDURE:

- You may continue to drink clear liquids until 4 hours prior to your procedure.
- **DO NOT** take anything by mouth for 4 hours prior to your procedure.
- 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 present to drive you home after the procedure or we may cancel your exam.

- You will be sedated for your procedure. Please plan to avoid making important decisions for the remainder of the day after your procedure.

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

_____ St. Luke's Boise Regional Medical Center, 190 E. Bannock Street, Boise
(Main hospital entrance. Out-patient Registration)

_____ St. Luke's Meridian Medical Center, 520 S. Eagle Road, Meridian
(Eagle Road entrance. Out-patient Registration)

_____ St. Luke's Nampa Medical Center, 9850 W. St. Luke's Drive, Nampa
(Main hospital entrance. Out-patient Registration)

Please check with your insurance company regarding pre-certification. Bring all insurance cards with you.

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