

MIRALAX/GATORADE SPLIT DOSE EXTENDED PREPARATION FOR COLONOSCOPY

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

PURCHASE AT THE PHARMACY:

- 2 Dulcolax (bisacodyl) 5mg tablets
- 238 gram bottle and 119 gram bottle of Miralax (non-prescription)
- 96 ounces of Gatorade (three 32 oz. bottles), 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 (warfarin), Plavix (clopidogrel), Pradaxa (dabigatran), Xarelto (rivaroxaban), Eliquis (Apixaban) or other blood thinners, please contact our office to determine if an office visit may be required prior to your procedure to discuss if and when these anticoagulants need to be stopped.
- Stop all fiber supplements including Metamucil, Citrucel, Benefiber, FiberChoice and flax seeds. If you are taking these to treat constipation, take 17g of Miralax daily starting five days prior to your procedure in place of the fiber. (This will require you to purchase more Miralax than stated above).
- 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.
- **Avoid nuts and seeds.**

ONE DAY PRIOR TO YOUR EXAM:

- **Take only clear liquids by mouth.** This includes clear juices (apple, grape, strained orange, strained lemonade), tea, coffee (no creamer or milk), soft drinks, Gatorade/Powerade, clear broth or bouillon, Jell-O, and popsicles. **Do not eat any solid food.**
- Avoid red drinks, red Jell-O, and dairy products.
- Consume large amounts of fluids to avoid hunger or dehydration and assist in cleansing the bowel.
- **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 (238 g) into 64 ounces of Gatorade. Shake until completely dissolved.**
- Drink one 8 ounce glass every 10-15 minutes until you've finished the 64 ounces. This will induce stools. If no stools occur within 2 hours of completing, please **repeat this step**. This will require you to purchase more Miralax and Gatorade.
- **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.**

THE DAY OF THE PROCEDURE:

- **Mix the remaining 119 g of Miralax with the remaining 32 ounces of Gatorade. Shake until completely dissolved. Drink the mixture starting 6 hours before your scheduled appointment time** (i.e. 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). Drink 8 ounces every 10-15 minutes. You must finish within 2 hours so that your stomach is empty for your exam. Other clear liquids in addition to the bowel preparation are encouraged during this time.
- **DO NOT take anything by mouth for 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.**
- **Meridian Endoscopy Center 208-695-2100 • Boise Endoscopy Center 208-342-7169**
- **After Hours: 208-343-6458**

- 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 with the correct dosages 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.
- **We cannot be responsible for your valuables. Please leave them at home.**

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.

****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 343-6458 for the Boise office or 887-3724 for the Meridian office.