

Gastroenterology
and Hepatology

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NULYTELY COLONOSCOPY PREPARATION INSTRUCTIONS

ANY TIME:

1. Purchase one 10 oz. bottle of Magnesium Citrate. Fill your prescription for one gallon of Nulytely.

THE DAY BEFORE COLONOSCOPY:

2. Drink only clear liquids. Absolutely no pulpy juices or dairy products. It is very important that you are well hydrated throughout the prep day otherwise the prep will be less effective and may cause significant dehydration and electrolyte abnormalities.
3. In the morning, drink the entire 10 oz. bottle of Magnesium Citrate. Reconstitute the Nulytely powder and refrigerate it.
4. In the late afternoon or early evening, drink HALF of the Nulytely solution over two hours (8oz. every 15 minutes).
5. Take a break for at least 4 hours while the first half works.
6. Repeat step 4. For best results, do this in the morning, five hours prior to your appointment. For early morning appointments, you may prefer to do this late the night before.

ON THE DAY OF COLONOSCOPY:

7. You may continue to drink clear liquids until 3 hours prior to your appointment. You may have a sip of water to take medications.
8. Unless instructed otherwise, continue your usual medications as prescribed.

AFTER THE COLONOSCOPY:

9. Relax, nap, lunch or a snack. **DO NOT DRIVE** for 12 hours. Call to schedule a follow up visit. While major findings are discussed right away, a follow up office visit allows me to discuss procedure and biopsy results, assess your progress, answer questions, and review future care needs.

HELPFUL HINTS

WHAT ARE CLEAR LIQUIDS?

Clear liquids include Water, Gatorade, Kool-Aide, Crystal Lite, Jello, Broth, Soda, Coffee or Tea (no creamer), Apple or Cranberry juice, Popsicles, Italian Ice.

“Red” colored drinks are OK, but may come out red.

I HAVE A HEART MURMUR. DO I NEED ANTIBIOTICS?

No, even if your dentist recommends that you take them prior to a dental procedure.

CAN I TAKE ASPIRIN, ADVIL, ALEVE?

Yes. Aspirin and similar products do not substantially increase the risk of bleeding.

WHAT IF I GET SORE?

Some people prefer baby wipes, rather than toilet tissue. Vaseline can be soothing.