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**COLONOSCOPY  
MAGNESIUM CITRATE PREP**

PATIENT NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE OF PROCEDURE: \_\_\_\_\_

DOCTOR: \_\_\_\_\_ LOCATION: \_\_\_\_\_

ARRIVAL TIME: \_\_\_\_\_ PROCEDURE TIME: \_\_\_\_\_

HOLD THE FOLLOWING MEDICATIONS: \_\_\_\_\_

**IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO KEEP YOUR APPOINTMENT, WE ASK THAT YOU GIVE US 72 HOURS NOTICE. If you do not call, and fail to show up for your scheduled procedure you will be charged a "No Show Fee" of \$100.00.**

**TRANSPORTATION HOME: Due to the effects of anesthesia, YOU ARE NOT ALLOWED TO DRIVE FOR THE REST OF THE DAY. For your safety we CANNOT allow you to take a taxi, uber, lyft or any other service. You MUST make arrangements to have someone accompany you to your procedure. THIS PERSON MUST COME UPSTAIRS TO SIGN YOU OUT. If you do not arrive with a driver or provide us with the name and phone number of the person driving you home, your procedure will be rescheduled and you may be charged a cancellation fee. THERE WILL BE NO EXCEPTIONS!**

**You may NOT go to work on the day of your procedure. You MUST stay home and rest for the remainder of the day.**

**\*\*IMPORTANT: IF YOU ARE A SMOKER, WE STRONGLY ADVISE THAT YOU DO NOT SMOKE THE DAY OF YOUR PROCEDURE. SMOKING PRIOR TO YOUR PROCEDURE COULD CAUSE COMPLICATIONS WITH ANESTHESIA\*\***

**PICK UP FROM THE PHARMACY:**

1. Two (2) bottles of Magnesium Citrate – NOT CHERRY FLAVORED (over the counter, no prescription needed)
2. Two (2) Dulcolax Tablets (over the counter, no prescription needed)

**AT LEAST ONE WEEK PRIOR TO YOUR PROCEDURE:**

1. If you take any blood thinners, such as Coumadin, Plavix or Aspirin on a daily basis, you must notify your Doctor **IMMEDIATELY!** These medications **MAY** need to be discontinued prior to your procedure.
2. If you take Insulin, you must discuss with your Doctor whether or not you need to hold off taking or reduce your morning dose the day of the procedure.
3. **STOP** taking any vitamins containing iron and/or iron supplements **ONE WEEK** prior to your procedure.

**TWO DAYS BEFORE YOUR PROCEDURE:**

**You must stop eating the following foods: Salads, Nuts, Seeds, and Corn.**

**THE DAY BEFORE YOUR PROCEDURE:**

**Do not apply any lotion to your chest, arms or legs!**

1. You must be on a CLEAR LIQUID DIET for the **ENTIRE** day.

You May Have:	You May NOT Have:
Water            Seltzer            Apple Juice Sprite            Ginger Ale        Plain Jello (not red or purple) Bouillon or Clear Broth            Gatorade (not red or purple) White Grape Juice            Italian Ice(not red or purple) Black Coffee or Tea (no milk or creamer) Gum	Solid Foods            Alcohol Lemonade            Milk or Milk Products

2. Drink an EXTRA 8-ounces of clear liquid every hour, from 11:00am-5:00pm
3. **At 5PM**, take 2 (two) DULCOLAX tablets and 1(one) bottle of the Magnesium Citrate.
4. **You are encouraged to continue to drink as much clear liquid as possible until bedtime.**

**THE DAY OF THE PROCEDURE:**

1. At \_\_\_\_\_ (4 hours before your procedure) drink the second bottle of Magnesium Citrate. The correct timing of this dose is essential for an effective prep.

**IMPORTANT: YOU CANNOT HAVE ANYTHING ELSE TO EAT OR DRINK, NOT EVEN WATER, UNTIL AFTER YOUR PROCEDURE. IF YOU DO, YOUR PROCEDURE WILL BE DELAYED OR CANCELLED!**

2. **YOU SHOULD TAKE YOUR BLOOD PRESSURE AND/OR HEART MEDICATIONS EARLY IN THE MORNING WITH A SMALL SIP OF WATER. If you must take other medications on the day of the procedure, please call our office.**
3. **FEMALE PATIENTS:** Please be aware that on the day of your procedure, you may need to provide a urine sample.

**\*\*\* REMEMBER \*\*\***

**DO NOT OMIT ANY PART OF THE PREPARATION. A POOR PREPARATION MAY CAUSE A POLYP OR CANCER TO GO UNDETECTED AND THE PROCEDURE MAY NEED TO BE REPEATED AFTER REPREPPING.**

**Stay hydrated:** A colonoscopy prep causes the body to lose a significant amount of fluid and can result in sickness due to dehydration. It's important that you prepare your body by drinking extra clear liquids before the prep, stay hydrated by drinking all required clear liquids during the prep, and replenish your system by drinking clear liquids after returning home from your colonoscopy.

**Drink extra liquids before, during, and after your bowel prep (UNTIL 4 HOURS BEFORE YOUR PROCEDURE), as well as after your colonoscopy!!**

**Stay positive:** We realize that the colonoscopy prep may not be the most glamorous process. But remember, when you get a colonoscopy, you are taking a proactive step toward prevention or early detection of colorectal cancer.



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## COLONOSCOPY PREP WORKSHEET

Please use the worksheet below to make sure that you are properly prepped for your colonoscopy.

My colonoscopy is scheduled for \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_.

### One Week Before Your Colonoscopy:

- Read prep instructions thoroughly
- Pick up prep
- Make arrangements to take the day of your procedure off from work
- Adjust medications according to your doctor's instructions

### 3 Days Before Your Colonoscopy:

- Confirm transportation to and from your procedure
- If you need to cancel or reschedule your procedure for any reason, call the office to avoid a possible cancellation/no show fee
- Call your doctor if you have any questions or concerns

### The Day Before Your Colonoscopy:

- Begin a clear liquid diet. You may not have any solid food for the ENTIRE day
- At 5:00pm, take 2 dulcolax tablets and magnesium citrate as written in the instructions
- Drink plenty of clear liquids

### The Day of Your Colonoscopy:

- At \_\_\_\_\_ (4 hours before your procedure) drink the second half of your prep as written in the instructions
- Take any heart and/or blood pressure medications with a small sip of water
- Have nothing else to eat or drink 4 hours before your procedure
- Arrive 1/2 hour before your procedure, with your driver, to check in