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If you have diabetes you must call your doctor

People with diabetes have special diet and medicine instructions. Call the doctor who ordered your colonoscopy for your special diet and medicine instructions.

If you need to reschedule

Call (734) 936 - 9250 or toll-free (877) 758 - 2626.

Timeline of the Colonoscopy Preparation

How will I determine my colonoscopy prep schedule?

The timeline table below will help you determine which day of the week to start your preparation. Use a highlighter or circle the correct row to determine which day you will start the prep. The prep process will begin at the start of the day.

If you reschedule your appointment, you must redo the timeline table to match your new date.

My Appointment Is:

(Date, Day, Time)
### Timeline Table

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**Fill in the day according to the timeline table**

- **Day:** 7 days before your colonoscopy

- **Day:** 3 days before your colonoscopy

- **Day:** The day before your colonoscopy

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Medical Procedures Unit
Colonoscopy Bowel Prep Instructions – 4 Liter (Arabic)
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No solid food from now until your procedure is done. Begin a clear liquid diet (on next page). Drink at least 8 glasses of water or clear liquids during the day to avoid dehydration.

- Mix your prep solution with lukewarm water. You may chill it for at least 5 hours to make it easier to drink, or you can drink it at room temperature.
- Between 5pm and 6pm, you will begin drinking half of your prep solution. Tomorrow you will drink the last half. Drink one 8 ounce glass every 15 minutes until half of the solution (64 ounces) is gone. Save the remaining half solution for the day of your procedure. If you follow the instructions exactly, you should be done with the first 64 ounces of prep by 8 p.m.
- Stay near a toilet, as you will have diarrhea.

You may drink these clear liquids:
- Gatorade
- Crystal Light Lemonade
- Pedialyte
- Coffee or tea (black only)
- Carbonated or non-carbonated soda
- Fruit-flavored drinks
- Apple juice, white cranberry juice or white grape juice
- Jell-O or popsicles

Do not drink these liquids:
- Chicken, beef or vegetable broth
- Alcohol
- Milk or non-dairy creamer
- Juice with pulp
- Any liquid you cannot see through
- Hard candy

Note: Nothing Red or Purple

Mلاحظة: لا شيء أحمر أو أرجواني اللون
The day of your colonoscopy

5 hours before leaving home for your colonoscopy

Day/Time: ________________________________

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You may have to wake up early. You may have to wake up early.

- Begin drinking the final 64 ounces, the same way you drank the previous 64 ounces, i.e.: drink an 8 ounce glass every 15 minutes until the second 64 ounces are gone. If you drink according to schedule, you will finish drinking 3 hours before leaving home.

- Take your morning medications with a small amount of water 4 hours before your appointment time (unless you have been told otherwise). If you take Diabetes medications follow your doctor's instructions.

2 hours before your colonoscopy

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Stop everything by mouth, including all liquids, smoking and chewing gum.

Important!

Harmful; if you have any of the following:

- Fainting
- Severe allergic reactions
- Severe symptoms of anemia
- Severe symptoms of heart disease
- Severe symptoms of stroke
- Severe symptoms of diabetes
- Severe symptoms of high blood pressure

If you have any of these symptoms, do not take the colonoscopy prep medication.

If you have any questions or concerns, please call the number listed above.

Medical Procedures Unit
Colonoscopy Bowel Prep Instructions – 4 Liter (Arabic)
If you followed all of the instructions, your stool will be a clear or yellow liquid and you are ready for your colonoscopy.

If your stool is formed or your preparation is not going as expected call (734)936-9250 or toll-free (877) 758-2626. After business hours, on weekends or holidays call the paging operator at (734) 936-6267 and ask to speak with the GI doctor on call.

Colon cleansing tips:

1. Stay near a toilet! You will have diarrhea, which can be quite sudden. This is normal.

2. Try drinking the solution with a straw. It may be easier to tolerate.

3. Rarely, people may have nausea or vomiting with the prep. If this occurs, give yourself a 30 -minute break, rinse your mouth or brush your teeth, then continue drinking the prep solution.

4. From the past and now you may have bowel cramps until the stool has flushed from your colon (this may take 2 to 4 hours and sometimes much longer).

5. Anal skin irritation or a flare of hemorrhoid inflammation may occur. If this happens, treat it with over-the-counter-remedies, such as hydrocortisone cream, baby wipes, Vaseline®, or TUCKS® pads. Avoid products containing alcohol. If you have a prescription for hemorrhoid cream, you may use it. Do not use suppositories.

نظائح لتنظيف القولون:

1. إبقى قريباً من مكان المرحاض! سيكون لديك إسهال، والذي قد يحدث بشكل مفاجئ. هذا طبيعي.

2. حاول شرب المحلول من قصبة. قد يكون من الأسهل تحمله.

3. في حالات نادرة، قد يعاني بعض الأشخاص من الغثيان والتقيؤ عند شرب المحلول. إذا حدث ذلك، امنح نفسك فترة استراحة لمدة 30 دقيقة، انطفف فمك أو نظف طائرتك بالفرشاة، ثم استمر بشرب محلول التحضير.

4. من الشائع والطبيعي أن تشعر بعدم الارتياح أو وجع في بطنك لحين طرد البراز من القولون (هذا قد يستغرق 4-2 ساعات وأحيانا أكثر من ذلك).

5. قد يطرأ عليك تهيج في جلد منطقة الشرج أو توجه التهاب في البواسير. إذا حدث ذلك، يمكنك معالجته باستخدام أنواع متعددة من العلاجات بدون الوصفة الطبية مثل كريم "هيدروكورتيزون" (Hydrocortisone)، مناديل الأطفال المرطبة (Baby Wipe)، "الفازلين" (Vaseline®) أو فوط تاكس (Tucks Pads). تجنب المنتجات التي تحتوي على الكحول. إذا كان لديك وصفة لcream البواسير، يمكنك استخدامه. لا تستخدم التحميلات.

ظلي هذه الصفحة لمعرفة المزيد عن الفوائد والمخاطر وبدائل تنظير القولون ➡ Turn the page to learn about the benefits, risks and alternatives for a colonoscopy
What are the Benefits, Risks and Alternatives for a Colonoscopy? (Arabic)

Before starting the procedure, a member of our team will ask you to sign an informed consent indicating that you understand the procedure, its benefits and risks, and the alternatives for a colonoscopy.

What is the purpose of a colonoscopy?

Colonoscopy is a procedure in which a doctor inserts a thin tube into the anus to look inside your rectum and colon. Colonoscopy can show irritated and swollen tissue, ulcers, polyps, and cancer.

What are the benefits of a colonoscopy?

Colonoscopy exams can find cancers at earlier stages, and polyps can be found and removed before they become cancerous. This greatly improves the chances for treating colorectal cancer successfully and reduces the chance that a person will die from colorectal cancer.

What are the risks of a colonoscopy?

Before the procedure, this information should be reviewed with you in Arabic.

What is the procedure for bowel preparation for a colonoscopy?
Risks are higher in people taking steroids or anti-coagulation medicines, or in people that have significant underlying diseases. There is also a risk that cancer or polyps will not be detected.

What are the alternatives?

There are other screening tests that may detect abnormalities in the colon and rectum but colonoscopy is the only method that enables the doctor to take a sample tissue and/or remove polyps during the procedure. This reduces the need for additional tests and surgeries.

A study of screening colonoscopies found that between 4 to 8 people in 10,000 have a serious complication after a colonoscopy. Serious complications include:

- Bleeding. Most cases of bleeding occur in patients who have polyps removed. The risk is higher for polyps that are larger than 2 cm.
- A tear or a hole in the colon or rectum wall (perforation).
- Infection.
- Aspiration that may lead to a lung infection (pneumonia).
- A reaction to the sedating medication, including breathing or heart problems.

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