Refer to this instruction sheet for the entire week before your colonoscopy. Colonoscopy prep instructions are extremely important for a successful colonoscopy. If you do not follow the instructions precisely, your bowels may not be ready for the procedure and you will need to repeat the procedure.

Planning for Your Colonoscopy
Please read as soon as you receive this information and check off each box to indicate that you understand each item.

☐ You must do a bowel prep. If you have not received a bowel prep, call the Endoscopy Call Center at (734) 936 - 9250 or toll-free at (877) 758 - 2626.

☐ What is the name of your prep? ____________________________
   o We recommend that you fill your prescription at least a week before your procedure.

☐ You must have a driver with you at the procedure.
   o A licensed driver must be with you at your colonoscopy appointment. If you do not have a driver with you at check in, we will reschedule your appointment.
   o Your entire procedure may take 3 to 4 hours to complete. Please tell your driver that they must remain at the colonoscopy appointment during your entire visit.

☐ If you have diabetes you must call your doctor
   o 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
   o 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)

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7 days before your colonoscopy  Day: ___________________________
Fill in the day according to the timeline table

- **Do not** stop your aspirin.
- If you take a blood thinner, tell the doctor who ordered your colonoscopy. If you are unsure that you are taking blood thinners, please contact your doctor.
- Stop taking any iron supplements, such as ferrous sulfate or polysaccharide iron complex.

3 days before your colonoscopy  Day: ___________________________
Fill in the day according to the timeline table

- Stop eating popcorn, corn, beans, nuts, fruits with small seeds, tomatoes, and celery.

2 days before your colonoscopy  Day: ___________________________
Fill in the day according to the timeline table
No solid food from now until your procedure is done. Begin a clear liquid diet (below). Drink at least 8 glasses of water 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 5 and 6 pm:** drink one 8-ounce glass of PEG/Electrolyte-Generic, NuLYTELY, GoLYTELY, or CoLyte solution and continue drinking one 8-ounce glass every 15 minutes until 2 liters (64 ounces) of the prep solution is gone. If you follow the instructions exactly, you should be done with the first 2 liters (64 ounces) of prep.
- Stay near a toilet, as you will have diarrhea.

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**Note: Nothing Red or Purple**

The day before your colonoscopy

Day:

Fill in the day according to the timeline table

- Continue the clear liquid diet throughout the day. No solid foods.
- **At 8 am** drink one 8-ounce glass of PEG/Electrolyte-Generic, NuLYTELY, GoLYTELY, or CoLyte solution and continue drinking one 8-ounce glass every 15 minutes until 2 liters (64 ounces) of the prep solution is gone.
- **Between 5 and 6 pm:** drink another 2 liters (64 ounces) of the prep solution over the course of 2 hours.

The day of your colonoscopy

5 hours before leaving home for your colonoscopy

Day/Time:

Fill in the day according to the timeline table

- You may have to wake up early.
- Begin drinking the final 2 liters (64 ounces), the same way you drank the previous 6 liters (192 ounces), i.e.: drink an 8-ounce glass **every 15 minutes**
until the final 2 liters (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  Day/Time: 

Fill in the day according to the timeline table

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

Important!
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, please call 734-936-9250 or toll-free 877-758-2626 and reschedule your appointment.

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. 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.