

OMAHA GASTROENTEROLOGY CONSULTANTS, P.C.
GASTROENTEROLOGY & LIVER DISEASE
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- Please follow all instructions. This includes not eating solids and drinking lots of clear liquids.
- If you arrive at the facility not fully prepared, or if Dr. Arouni starts the procedure and you are not fully prepared, you may be sent home.
- Remember that the quality of the colonoscopy = the quality of the bowel preparation. A poor cleanout may result in:
 - Need for a “redo”
 - A missed cancer
 - Increased out of pocket costs for you
 - Embarrassment for you
- **A SUCCESSFUL COLONOSCOPY STARTS WITH A COMPLETE BOWEL PREP**
- If you have any questions or are unable to drink the bowel prep in the allowed time, please call our 24-hour number **402-397-8040**

- **If you need to CANCEL or RESCHEDULE your procedure please allow a minimum of 48 hours ADVANCE notice to our office by calling 402-397-8040 and speak to one of our staff members. If you are unable to provide us with 48 hours advance notice please be aware that you may incur \$100.00 fee per procedure. (\$100 charge is per procedure, i.e., upper and lower scopes=\$200 total charge)**
- **If you do not call to cancel or show up to your scheduled procedure you will incur a \$100.00 charge per procedure.**

Bergan Mercy Hospital
7500 Mercy Road
Omaha, NE 68124

Lakeside Hospital
16901 Lakeside Hills Court
Omaha, NE 68130

Lakeside Endoscopy Center
17001 Lakeside Hills Plaza, Suite 201
Omaha, NE 68130

OMAHA GI COLONOSCOPY CHECKLIST

Two weeks before the colonoscopy

- Stop all herbal or diet medications

One week before the colonoscopy

- Pick up your Nulytely and anti-nausea medication from the pharmacy. Our office has called it in.
- If you take insulin, please speak to your prescribing physician about how to adjust your insulin for the procedure
- Find someone to drive you home from your colonoscopy

3 days before the colonoscopy

- Stop taking coumadin (Warfarin) or clopidogrel (Plavix). If you take other blood thinners, stop them after talking with our schedulers or your doctor
- Stop taking iron pills
- Stop eating nuts, seeds, corn, beans, and raw fruits and vegetables
- Stop taking fiber supplements (Metamucil, Citrucel)

PREPARATION FOR A COLONOSCOPY USING SPLIT-DOSE NULYTELY

On the DAY PRIOR to your procedure, do the following:

- Drink **ONLY** clear liquids from the time you wake up. Avoid any red or purple liquids. Some examples of clear liquids are water, apple juice, white grape juice, tea, coffee (no creamer), popsicles, Sprite, 7UP, JELLO, Gatorade, Beef or chicken broth, and lemon drops or peppermint hard candies.
- **5:00 PM:** Take 1 anti-nausea pill with water.
- **5:30 PM:** Start consuming **HALF** of your Nulytely preparation. You will need to consume this within 1.5 hours. Place the remaining half in the refrigerator.

*****REMAIN ON A CLEAR LIQUID DIET AND CONTINUE TO PUSH YOUR FLUIDS*****

The day of your procedure:

- **6 hours prior** to your procedure, take the other anti-nausea pill
- **6 hours prior** to your procedure, drink the second half of your Nulytely preparation. You will need to consume this within 1.5 hours.
- Then, nothing to eat or drink until after your procedure.

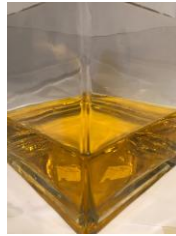
Dr. Arouni's "Insider Tips" for Success with Colonoscopy Preparation

1. Eat lightly (less food) for 5-7 days before the clear liquid day(s). This makes less to move through and can make the prep easier and more successful. Also, drastically increase fluid intake during this time period (unless you are on a fluid restriction).

2. Your goal is the passage of clear fluid into the toilet several times (not just once) prior to leaving home for the procedure.



Clear



Clear



Clear



NOT CLEAR



NOT CLEAR

3. Walk around briskly while drinking the prep. This helps it move through and cuts down on nausea

4. Use lotion-coated facial tissue (the kind one uses with a "cold") to wipe your backside. This will cut down on irritation. Do not apply creams, ointments, or vaseline. These can "gunk up" the equipment.

5. Plan ahead! Take a shopping trip for Jello, Gatorade, broth, juice, clear hard candy-anything clear (but not red or purple) that will help get you through the prep. Be sure to call if you have questions.



Medication Guidelines Prior to Procedures

ASPIRIN COMBINATIONS

Stop 3 days prior to procedure

- Alka-Seltzer
- Aspirin
- Bayer
- Ecotrin products
- Excedrin products
- Fiorinal
- Monogesic
- Percodan

SALICYLATES

Stop 3 days prior to procedure

- Aspercreme
- Ben-gay
- Icy Hot
- Pepto-Bismol

IBUPROFEN COMBINATIONS

Stop 3 days prior to procedure

- Advil
- Ibuprofen
- Midol
- Motrin

OTHER ANTI-INFLAMMATORIES

Stop 3 days prior to procedure

- Celecoxib (Celebrex)
- Diclofenac (Voltaren, Cataflam, Arthrotec)
- Diflunisal (Dolobid)
- Indomethacin (Indocin)
- Ketorolac (Toradol)
- Meloxicam (Mobic)
- Nabumetone (Relafen)
- Naproxen (Aleve, Anaprox, Naprosyn)
- Piroxicam (Feldene)

WEIGHT LOSS MEDICATIONS

Stop 2 weeks before procedure

- Sulindac (Clinoril)
- Ephedra and Ephedra-containing energy pills, metabolism boosters, weight loss products
- Phentermine (Adipex-P, Suprenza)
- Phentermine/topiramate (Qsymia)

HERBAL MEDICATIONS AND NUTRITIONAL SUPPLEMENTS

Stop 3 days prior to procedure

- Fish oil
- Ginger
- Gingko Biloba
- Ginseng
- Omega-3
- St. John's Wort
- Vitamin E
- Flax seed oil

BLOOD THINNERS

Stop 3 days prior to procedure

- Coumadin (Warfarin)
- Clopidogrel (Plavix)

Stop 2 days before the procedure

- Apixaban (Eliquis)

Stop the morning of the procedure

- Dabigatran (Pradaxa)
- Enoxaparin (Lovenox)
- Heparin
- Rivaroxaban (Xarelto)

Tylenol is acceptable to take prior to procedure