Instructions for Colonoscopy

On the day of your procedure please bring photo ID and a list of ALL your medications and dosages. Due to unexpected emergencies, your procedure time cannot be guaranteed. Please contact your insurance company prior to your procedure to understand your responsibility for any co-payment and/or deductible. Note: This is a hospital-based Endoscopy Unit.

Date: ____________________  Appointment Time: ____________________  Arrival Time: ____________________  With: ____________________  Dr. ____________________

Important
• Do not stop Aspirin unless instructed by your primary care physician or cardiologist. If you take an oral contraceptive at night, you should take the pill in the morning with your light breakfast and use a backup method of contraception. Colonoscopy preparation may interfere with absorption of the pill. Resume your birth control pill as usual after the procedure.
• A responsible adult must be available to come into the Endoscopy suite to sign you out of the unit. You will not be able to drive on the day of your procedure. You must have someone drive you home. You may take a taxi or bus, but only if you are accompanied by a responsible adult.
• Please do not wear perfumes or body lotions on the day of your procedure.

Important: Notify your physician if you are taking medications for diabetes (oral or injectable) and/or anticoagulants (“blood thinners”) such as Coumadin, Warfarin, Heparin, Plavix, etc., and ask for further instructions.

Purchase at Pharmacy  Suprep (prescription) and (1) 64 ounce bottle of Gatorade. (DO NOT get RED, BLUE or PURPLE Gatorade.)

Two Days Before Colonoscopy  Avoid all popcorn, nuts, and seeds such as quinoa, sesame seeds, and whole flax seeds.

Day Before Colonoscopy

For Breakfast  You may have a light breakfast of 2 slices of dry toast, black coffee or plain tea (without milk or cream) and clear liquids.

After Breakfast  Start on a clear liquid diet. Clear liquids are those you can “see through”.

Examples of clear liquids include:

- Water
- Strained fruit juice without the pulp
- Plain coffee and tea (without milk or cream)
- Clear broth or bouillon
- 7 UP, Sprite and Ginger Ale
- Sports drink (such as Gatorade and Propel Water) (Avoid red, blue and purple)
- Kool-Aid or other fruit flavored drinks (Avoid red, blue and purple)
- Plain Jell-O without added fruit or toppings (Avoid red, blue and purple)
- Popsicles (Avoid red, blue and purple)

At 5:00 pm  1. Mix ONE bottle of Suprep Solution into the mixing container. Add cool drinking water to the 16-ounce line on the container and mix. (Note: Dilute the concentrate as directed prior to use.)
   2. Drink ALL the liquid in the container.
   3. Drink two (2) 16-ounce glasses of Gatorade over the next 1 hour. Continue drinking clear fluids until bedtime.

SIX (6) hours before your Arrival time  SECOND DOSE: Drink second bottle of Suprep as directed in steps 1 through 3 above. You must finish drinking the final glass of liquid 4 hours prior to your arrival time.

Day of Colonoscopy

You may have clear liquids until 4 hours prior to your arrival time, then nothing by mouth until after the procedure unless otherwise instructed by your physician. No gum or candy. Medications may be taken with sips of water on your regular schedule until 4 hours before your arrival time. Diabetic patients: please check blood sugar level before your procedure.

Please call the office if you have any questions.