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Miralax/Gatorade Colonoscopy Preparation

Prior to your procedure, confirm that you can safely stop taking blood thinners (Coumadin, Plavix, Xarelto, Pradaxa, Eliquis) before your procedure.

Be certain that you take all heart and high blood pressure medication on the morning of the procedure (with a sip of water).

If you have a history of asthma or breathing problems, please use any inhalers as prescribed as well.

For diabetic patients, please follow the diabetic instruction sheet and **contact your doctor that manages your diabetes for the instructions regarding adjustment of your diabetes medication.**

THE DAY BEFORE YOUR PROCEDURE

1. **CLEAR LIQUID DIET:** It is essential that you drink enough fluids to prevent dehydration. You should plan to drink at least 6-8 glasses of water on the day before your procedure. Any liquids you can see through are acceptable (i.e., water, fruit juice without pulp, tea, clear broth/bouillon, ginger ale, lemon-lime soda, lemonade, Gatorade/sports drink, Jell-O). You may not have any soft/solid food or any milk/dairy products. Do not drink any red or purple liquids. In addition, please do not take any fiber products (i.e. Citrucel, Benefiber or Metamucil).
2. **MIRALAX:** Mix the entire 238 gram bottle of Miralax with 64 ounces (2 quarts) of Gatorade (or G2 which has lower sugar content) in any flavor other than red. Thoroughly shake the 64 ounces mixture and refrigerate.
3. **DULCOLAX:** At 3:00pm, take two tablets with 8 ounces of water.
4. **MIRALAX:** At 5:00pm, start drinking 8 ounces of Miralax + Gatorade/G2 solution every 15-30 minutes until you have consumed the entire 64 ounces. If you feel nauseated or bloated, wait 30 minutes then resume with smaller amounts each time.
5. **DULCOLAX:** At 7:00pm, take 2 tablets with 8 ounces of water.
6. You may continue to drink clear liquids until bedtime.

DO NOT EAT OR DRINK ANYTHING AFTER MIDNIGHT

THE DAY OF YOUR PROCEDURE DO NOT EAT OR DRINK ANYTHING ON THE MORNING OF THE EXAM

It is okay to take your morning medications (blood pressure and heart medications) with a sip of water.

If you are unsure about which medications are okay to take, please check with our office.

Because you received sedation, you cannot be discharged after the procedure unaccompanied; **an adult companion must be present to bring you home. If you do not have a companion, your procedure will be cancelled.**