



Allegheny Regional Endoscopy  
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***Your colonoscopy is scheduled on:***

**Suflave Prep Instructions**

- Avoid iron supplements for 5 days prior to your procedure.
- Avoid eating whole-grain bread/cereals with nuts/seeds and corn for 5 days prior to your procedure.

***Stage 1***

- Consume *clear liquids only* (see list below) the day before your procedure
- Open 1 flavor-enhancing packet of prep and pour into the provided bottle. Fill the bottle to the "fill line" with lukewarm water. Cap the bottle, shake until completely mixed and *refrigerate for up to 24 hours. DO NOT FREEZE.* You can also mix and use immediately if desired.
- In the early evening on the day before your procedure, drink 8 ounces of the prep solution every 15 minutes until it is gone. When finished, drink an additional 16 ounces of water.
- Once Stage 1 is complete, continue to consume *clear liquids* until it is time for stage 2 of the prep.
- *There should be a minimum of 4 hours between stage 1 and stage 2.*

***Stage 2***

- *8 hours before your scheduled procedure time*, open the second flavor-enhancing packet of prep and again pour into the provided bottle.
- Repeat the steps as in Stage 1 above but *be sure to complete this entire stage within 3 hours.*
- Once both stages of the prep are complete, you may continue to consume *clear liquids until 2 hours before your scheduled procedure time.*

***Notes***

- It may take a few hours for the prep to start working.
- It is normal to feel very full or bloated during your prep. *If you experience nausea and/or vomiting, wait 30 minutes before resuming prep/liquids. If vomiting does not disappear once you begin to move your bowels, please call us immediately for further instructions.*

**ACCEPTABLE CLEAR LIQUIDS**

Water    Gatorade    Jell-O    Kool-Aid    Broth    Popsicles  
Lemonade    Apple juice    White grape juice    White cranberry juice    Soda (all)  
Black coffee (no added cream or sugar)    Iced tea    Hot tea (no added sugar, honey)

**\*Do not consume any liquids which are red or purple in color\***

## Colonoscopy and Anesthesia

The gastroenterology and anesthesia teams at Allegheny Regional Endoscopy welcome you to our facility. Our intention is for every patient to have a pleasant experience while visiting. For this to occur, it takes teamwork from not only our experienced staff but also from you, our patient. **It is especially important that you read this information in its entirety and call to speak with us if you are unsure of any instructions. Failure to comply with the below guidelines could result in the delay and/or cancelation of your procedures without question.**

- **YOU MUST** have a driver to sign you out of recovery after anesthesia. **You cannot use UBER, LYFT, Healthride or MediVan.**
- **You may have CLEAR LIQUIDS up to 2 hours before your designated arrival time at our facility and no later.**
- Please refer to the prep instructions on the front of this sheet. **DO NOT follow pharmacy instructions.**
- **No alcoholic beverages are permitted during colon prep OR after midnight on the night before procedures.**
- **CHEWING TOBACCO PRODUCTS, SMOKING, VAPING AND INHALATION OF MARIJUANA** (medical and recreational) **ARE PROHIBITED** after midnight, on the night before your procedures. You should also avoid hard candy and chewing gum after midnight.
  - **All oral piercings** must be removed before all procedures. **NO EXCEPTIONS!**
  - **All stimulators** (bladder, spinal etc.) should be turned “off” or placed in “surgery mode”.
- If you have been prescribed **Phentermine**, **you must hold this for 7 days prior to your procedure.**
- If you have been prescribed **Ozempic, Trulicity, Bydureon, Byetta, Victoza, Adlyxin, Wegovy, Mounjaro, Zepbound or Rybelsus**, **you must hold these for 24 hours (if oral) and 7 days (if injection) prior to your procedure.**
- Please refer to the personalized medication instructions given to you at your office visit. **It is especially important to take medications for blood pressure and heart function the day of your procedures.**
- **If you experience any of the following between the day of your office visit and the day of your procedure, please notify us immediately:**
  1. **A change in health status**
  2. **an ER visit/hospital admission**
  3. **testing for your heart, lungs, brain**

\*Please call **814-204-0633** with any procedure questions.

\*Please call **814-242-5976** with any medication questions, health updates or anesthesia concerns.