

MiraLAX Colonoscopy Preparation

General Instructions

1. Please read and follow these instructions carefully. A well-done bowel preparation is vital to preventing colon cancer.
2. If you have a history of constipation, kidney disease, or heart failure, do not follow these instructions. Please call the Revere Health Endoscopy Scheduling department at (385) 203-1150 for alternative instructions.
3. If you are on a blood thinner (Coumadin, Eliquis, Plavix, Xarelto, etc.), please see the attached special blood thinner instructions for management of these medications prior to your procedure.
4. If you have any questions, please call the facility at which your procedure will be performed. Please see the end of these instructions for a listing of all applicable facilities and phone numbers.
5. Please continue to take vital medications such as blood pressure or seizure medications. Take these medications even the morning of your procedure. You may take these medications with a tiny amount of water if needed.
6. Follow a clear-liquid diet (as below) the entire day before your procedure. Do not eat any food the day before or the day of your procedure. You may continue to drink clear liquids (as outlined below) for up to 6 hours prior to your procedure, but do not drink anything (other than your bowel preparation as below) for at least 6 hours prior to your procedure. If you eat solid food the day before or the day of your procedure, or drink any liquids during the 6 hours prior to your procedure, your procedure may need to be canceled and rescheduled.

Items to Purchase and Prepare Prior to Your Colonoscopy Preparation

1. Four bisacodyl (Dulcolax) 5 mg tablets.
2. Two 8-ounce bottles of MiraLAX. A generic form of MiraLAX is equivalent to name-brand MiraLAX.
3. Four simethicone (Gas-X) anti-gas chewables or soft gel tablets.
4. Two 32-ounce bottles of a Gatorade-like sport drink. Avoid red, blue, and purple liquids.
5. Desitin or A&D skin ointment to protect the skin around your bottom.

Two Days Prior to Your Colonoscopy

1. Follow a low-fiber diet. Avoid nuts, seeds, popcorn, whole grains, and similar foods. This diet will improve your colonoscopy preparation.

The Day Prior to Your Colonoscopy

1. Follow a clear-liquid diet. Drink a large amount of liquid all day; it's important to begin your colonoscopy preparation as well-hydrated as possible. Do not eat solid foods. Focus on water, broth, coffee, Jell-O, tea, bouillon, soda, Gatorade, Crystal Light, etc. Stay well-hydrated all day. Avoid dairy. Avoid red, blue, and purple liquids.
2. At 5:00 pm, mix the two bottles of Gatorade and the two bottles of MiraLAX in a large pitcher.
3. At 5:00 pm, take 2 bisacodyl tablets. After taking the 2 bisacodyl tablets, start drinking the Gatorade/MiraLAX mixture. Drink one 8-ounce glass every 15 minutes until $\frac{3}{4}$ of the container is gone.

4. After your first bowel movement, apply a small amount of Desitin or A&D ointment to the skin around your bottom. Re-apply a small amount of ointment after every bowel movement to protect your skin.
5. At 7:00 pm, take 2 simethicone tablets.
6. At 8:00 pm, take 2 additional simethicone tablets.
7. At 9:00 pm, take 2 additional bisacodyl tablets.
8. Continue to drink water or a similar clear liquid until midnight if desired.

You will likely drink several glasses of the MiraLAX solution before having your first bowel movement. Some abdominal pain, abdominal cramping, and abdominal bloating are expected. These symptoms should improve as you begin having bowel movements.

The Morning of Your Colonoscopy

1. Six hours prior to your procedure, drink the remaining MiraLAX solution. Drink one 8-ounce glass every 15 minutes until the solution is gone. If needed, you can drink an additional 1 to 2 glasses of water.
2. If you have any questions, please call the appropriate endoscopy facility your procedure is scheduled at as per the following page.

Endoscopy Facilities

Central Utah Surgical Center

(801) 374-0354
1067 North 500 West Suite 100 Building B
Provo, UT 84604

Timpview Surgical Center

(801) 492-5994
1175 East 50 South Suite 101
American Fork, UT 84003

American Fork Hospital Endoscopy Department

(801) 855-3361
170 North 1100 East
American Fork, UT 84003

Spanish Fork Hospital Endoscopy Department

(385) 344-6011
765 East Market Place Drive
Spanish Fork, UT 84660

Utah Valley Hospital Endoscopy Department

(801) 357-7743
1034 North 500 West
Provo, UT 84604

Mountain View Hospital Same Day Surgery

(801) 465-7576
1000 East 100 North
Payson, UT 84651

Timpanogos Hospital Same Day Surgery

(801) 714-6644
750 West 800 North
Orem, UT 84057