

Trilyte Split Prep for Colonoscopy

A clean and empty colon is the most important part of a successful colonoscopy. If your colon is not empty, polyps and lesions can be missed, the procedure may take longer (increasing the risk of complications) or the whole process may need to be repeated or rescheduled. Follow the steps below for a successful colonoscopy.

ONE WEEK BEFORE COLONOSCOPY

Pick up Trilyte colonoscopy prep from pharmacy.

Arrange for time off from work, if applicable. You will be able to work the day before until about 3pm but will not be able to work the day of the procedure.

Arrange to have a ride home from the procedure. You are required to be taken home by someone who is at least 18yo. If you take a taxi or any transportation service, you **MUST** be accompanied by a friend or relative who will take responsibility for your safe trip home as you will be sedated and considered under the influence. **If you do not have a ride and someone to accompany you, the procedure will be cancelled.**

Watch your diet. Avoid eating nuts, seeds, corn, popcorn and uncooked skins of fruits and vegetables.

Stop taking the following unless otherwise instructed:

- Aspirin or aspirin containing products
- Non-steroidal anti-inflammatory agents (NSAIDs such as Motrin, Relafen, Indocin, Naprosyn, etc.)
- Herbal products including fish oils
- Iron supplementation including multi-vitamins with iron

If you are on blood thinners or platelet agents like Coumadin, heparin, Lovenox, Plavix, Brilinta, please make sure our office is aware so we can instruct you how and whether to hold these medications.

Complete any lab work or EKG, if ordered for the procedure. For your safety, if this was ordered to be completed before the procedure, the procedure may not be done.

THERE WILL BE A \$100 CHARGE, NOT PAYABLE BY INSURANCE, FOR CANCELLING WITHIN 48 HRS OF YOUR SCHEDULED DATE WITHOUT CAUSE OR FOR NOT SHOWING UP FOR THE PROCEDURE.

ONE DAY BEFORE COLONOSCOPY

Start a clear liquid diet as soon as you wake up. You are to have no solid food today. Make sure to stay well hydrated by drinking plenty of fluids. A clear liquid diet is described on the last page of this packet.

Take all of your routine medications unless instructed otherwise.

DRINK NOTHING WITH RED OR PURPLE COLORING DURING THE DAY.

Mix the preparation in the morning so it is ready to drink in the afternoon. Add warm water to the top line on the Trilyte bottle of powdered mix. Do not add anything to the bottle other than the flavor packet provided. Cap the bottle and shake until completely dissolved. Place in refrigerator.

At 4:00pm begin drinking the Trilyte solution. Take 8oz. every 20min over the next 2-3 hrs. until half is gone. Put the remaining half in the fridge for later.

At 9:00pm, drink 8oz. Trilyte solution every 20min until remaining prep is finished, before midnight.

If you become nauseated or vomit, more time is needed for the preparation to leave your stomach, so wait until the nausea resolves, and then continue drinking at a slower pace until the preparation is completed

If you have diabetes, take $\frac{1}{2}$ of your usual evening insulin dose or $\frac{1}{2}$ of your usual nightly oral diabetes medication.

After midnight, eat or drink nothing. If you have anything other than a sip of water with your pills, within 4 hours of your procedure, you may be cancelled.

If you have any questions, or problems with the preparation, please call the office.

THE DAY OF THE COLONOSCOPY

No other food or liquids are allowed other than a small amount of water to take your morning medications. These should be taken at 6am.

If you have diabetes, DO NOT take your morning insulin or oral diabetes medication.

Arrive at the office 30-45 min before your appointment time.

You will meet with the doctor and anesthesia provider prior to the procedure.

The day after the procedure you may drive, return to work or to your usual activities. Do not drive or make important or legal decisions the day of the procedure.

For questions, call (215) 742 9900

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Clear liquid diet

Liquids you can see through at room temperature are considered clear liquids. Preparation for colonoscopy requires a clear liquid diet for the entire day before the procedure to help keep you hydrated, provide calories and avoid residual stool in the colon so your procedure will be successful.

Allowed foods and beverages:

Clear fruit juices: apple juice, white grape juice, lemonade (no pulp)

Soups: broth, bouillon

Beverages: black coffee, tea (hot or cold), clear soda, Gatorade (light colors only), water

Sweets/desserts: fruit ices without chunks of fruit, Jell-O (no red or purple dye), clear hard candy, and popsicles made from clear juices

Foods to avoid:

All solid foods, dairy or foods containing milk, chocolates, cream soups

Liquids with red or purple coloring as they may be confused with blood in the colon