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## Colonoscopy Preparation using *Sutab* 2 Day PM/AM Split Dosing Regimen

The colon preparation is the most important step leading to the successful completion of a colonoscopy. We know it is inconvenient, but a clean colon will lead to an efficiently and safely performed colonoscopy that will lead to good gastrointestinal health. The cost of these FDA-approved preps range from \$30-\$100 depending on your insurance coverage, co-payment, and ability to use discount coupons. **Please pick up your prescription ahead of time or call your pharmacist to check your benefits and the cost savings coupon.** If still too expensive call our office. If you have chronic kidney disease, you will require a different preparation.

### **SEVEN DAYS BEFORE THE PROCEDURE**

#### **Medication restriction – Please call your prescribing physician**

1. *Diabetics taking insulin:* will need dose adjustment the day before the exam. Please ask for advice from the physician that prescribes your insulin. For diabetics only taking diabetic pills simply stop the pills the day before the procedure (see below).
2. *Blood thinners (antithrombotic agents) including: aspirin, Coumadin (Warfarin), Plavix, Pradaxa, Xarelto, Eliquis, Brilinta and Effient:* These can increase the risk of bleeding during and after endoscopic procedures to a varying degree. Please ask the physician that prescribes the medication if, and when, you can stop these medications. **If** these medications are unable to be stopped you need to call our office.

#### **Items to Purchase**

1. Fill the prescription for *Sutab* (bowel prep).
2. Fill the prescription for *Ondansetron* (anti-nausea medication).
3. Any over-the-counter hemorrhoid ointment for anal discomfort (if needed).

#### **Diet Restrictions**

No seeds, nuts, popcorn or peels from fruits and vegetables. Example: no peels from apples, potatoes, or cucumbers etc.

### **ONE DAY BEFORE THE PROCEDURE**

1. **For breakfast *AND* lunch you may choose one of the following:**  
**2 eggs** (no meat, cheese, veggies or toast, just eggs, salt, pepper, oil or butter is fine to cook with) **or 1 yogurt, 8 ounces** (plain, can be flavored but no chunks of fruit or granola), **or 1 Ensure, 8 ounces** (any flavor) **then clear liquids only for the remainder of the day.**
2. **You cannot have milk or orange juice for the entire day.**
3. Drink as much as you can to prevent dehydration. You may have bouillon, broth, black coffee (sugar and artificial sweeteners are okay, no creamer of any kind), tea (honey is okay), juice (apple, grape, cranberry), Gatorade, Powerade, lemonade, soda (regular or diet are okay), water, Popsicles and Jell-O (any flavor or color). Taking red Jell-O and red Gatorade may turn your bowel movements red and should be limited. If you have had dehydration before drink Pedialyte.
4. You may have clear candy (such as Lifesavers, Jolly Ranchers and gummy bears).
5. Do not take oral diabetic pills.

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## **TIMING OF PREPARATION**

**Please follow these instructions and NOT the *Sutab* bottle instructions**

### **THE EVENING BEFORE THE PROCEDURE**

This is a preparation that requires you to take pills with liquid in two sessions. You must take the entire *Sutab* regimen as prescribed to ensure your colon will be cleaned out. A poor prep can mean missed lesions (flat polyps) and cancellation and rescheduling of your procedure.

**Starting at 6:00 p.m. (first dose, this CAN NOT be done earlier in the day.)**

1. Take the *Ondansetron* (anti-nausea) 30 minutes prior to taking each dose of the *Sutab* (bowel prep).
2. Open 1 bottle of 12 tablets, fill provided container with 16 ounces of water (up to the fill line).
3. Swallow each tablet with a sip of water, completing with in 15-20 minutes.
4. Approximately 1 hour after the last tablet is swallowed drink another 16 ounces of water.
5. Approximately 30 minutes after finishing the second container of water drink another 16 ounces of water.
6. **If you become nauseated, take the tablets and water slower.**
7. You can continue the clear liquid diet after you finish the 6:00pm dose of the prep.

### **THE MORNING OF THE PROCEDURE**

**Beginning 6 hours prior to **scheduled procedure time**, repeat steps 1-5 as above.** (Yes, this requires you to do early morning or in the middle of the night based on your procedure time.)

1. **Take nothing by mouth, including water, after completing the last *additional 32 ounces of fluid or at least 4 hours prior to procedure time.***
2. You should take any necessary medications you normally use on the morning of the procedure with **sips** of water, vitamins and supplements should be taken after the procedure.
3. Arrive at your scheduled arrival time.
4. Bring a list of your medications, insurance cards and photo ID. If you are a woman of childbearing age you will be required to give a urine specimen when you arrive.
5. After the procedure you must have a responsible adult drive you home. It is best if your driver waits for you at the endoscopy center. **Taking a cab or Uber home is not an option.**
6. You may not drive or work until the next day.

### **IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT SEDATION**

Sedatives used for endoscopy include Propofol. These medications provide amnesia and pain relief. You are breathing on your own.

### **QUESTIONS OR PROBLEMS**

1. Daytime phone number is (314) 997-0554.
2. After hours number is (314) 388-6578.
3. Internet website address is [www.gidoctor.net](http://www.gidoctor.net)