

# **BOWEL PREP INSTRUCTIONS from Dr. Imegwu and Dr. Seenivasan**

### Three (3) Days Prior to Surgery

Full Liquid Diet (see sample)

### Two (2) Days Prior to Surgery

• Full Liquid Diet (see sample)

### One (1) Day Prior to Surgery

- Clear Liquid Diet (see sample)
- Drink one (1) gallon of Go-Lytely starting at 12 noon. You must drink the ENTIRE gallon over a period of four (4) hours. If you start to experience nausea, take a small break. It helps to take the Go-Lytely along with clear liquids to rid some of the taste. The maximum amount of time you can extend the drinking of the bowel prep is five (5) hours. You NEED to be done by 5 pm in order to ensure a clean bowel for a successful surgery
- Take two (2) Erythromycin Base 500 mg tablets at 1pm, 2pm and 9pm
- Take two (2) Neomycin 500 mg tablets at 1pm, 2pm and 9pm
- Do not eat or drink anything after midnight

# Morning of Surgery

- Do not eat or drink anything
- You may take any daily prescribed medications with the exception of DIABETIC MEDICATION and BLOOD THINNERS with a small sip of water

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Full Liquid Diet		
Food Group	Items Allowed	
Diary	Any type of milk, milkshakes, eggnog, plain yogurt, protein supplements, instant breakfast, ice cream, custard and pudding	
Meat	ONLY strained meats added to cream soup or broth	
Vegetables	ONLY strained vegetable juice	
Fruits	ONLY strained fruit juice	
Breads/Grains	Farina, oatmeal, cream of rice and cream of wheat	
Fats/Oils	Margarine, butter and cream	
Beverages	Coffee, tea, lemonade, sports drinks, carbonated beverages, any juice	
Sweets/Desserts	Sherbet, hard candy, plain gelatin, fruit ice, honey and syrups	

Full Liquid Diet		
Food Group	Items To Avoid	
Diary	All cheese	
Meat	All	
Vegetables	All whole raw or cooked vegetables	
Fruits	All whole raw or cooked fruits	
Breads/Grains	All other cereals and bread	
Fats/Oils	All others in solid form	
Beverages	None	
Sweets/Desserts	Cakes, cookies and pies	

## **Clear Liquid Diet**

#### **Items Allowed**

Water: Plain or flavored

Juice: Apple, clear cranberry and white grape, sports drinks-ANY COLOR EXCEPT RED

Carbonated Drinks: Sprite, 7UP, ginger ale, seltzer and tonic water

Broths: Chicken and beef

Jello: ANY COLOR EXCEPT RED

Sherbet, ice, gelatin, popsicle: ANY COLOR EXCEPT RED

Tea: with or without lemon and sugar-NO MILK

Coffee: With or without sugar-NO MILK