

Colonoscopy Preparation: PEG 3350 - Split Dose

(Colyte[®], GaviLyte[®], GoLytely[®], NuLytely[®])

Please call the endoscopy nurse at **716-845-8546** or **716-845-1424** if you have any questions.

Medication Instructions

- Please tell your nurse about all the medications you are taking. They will instruct you to take certain medications with a sip of water the morning of your procedure.
- If you take any medications to treat or prevent blood clots, someone from the Anesthesia Department will review your medications.
- **If your doctor gives you different instructions, ALWAYS follow your doctor's instructions.**

7 days (1 week) before the procedure, stop taking:

- vitamins, herbal medications, supplements

3 days before the procedure, stop taking non-steroidal anti-inflammatory medications (NSAIDs) such as:

- diclofenac (Voltaren[®])
- etodolac (Lodine[®])
- ibuprofen (Advil[®]/ Motrin[®])
- ketoprofen
- meloxicam (Mobic[®])
- naproxen (Aleve[®]/Anaprox[®])
- piroxicam (Feldene[®])
- sulindac (Clinorial[®])

Bowel Preparation Medications

Bowel preparation solution: Your doctor will send a prescription for PEG 3350 and 6 Dulcolax[®] (bisacodyl) laxative tablets. Call us at **716-845-8546** if your pharmacy did not receive the prescription.

The Day Before Your Test

- You will be on a clear liquid diet ALL day.

Suggestions for a Clear Liquid Diet

Remember to avoid all red and purple colors.

- Soft drinks (orange, ginger ale, cola, lemon/lime, etc.)
- Sports drinks (Gatorade or Powerade) or Kool-Aid
- Fruit juice without pulp (apple, lemonade, white cranberry, white grape)
- Water, flavored waters, tea or coffee (you can add sugar, but **NO milk or creamers**)
- Chicken, beef, vegetable broth or bouillon – no added meats, noodles, or vegetables
- Hard candy
- Jell-O
- Popsicles or lemon ice (no sherbets, sorbets, or fruit bars)

Time	What You Need to Do - The Day Before Your Procedure
Early morning	Mix the bowel prep solution (PEG 3350®), add water to the fill line, and put it in the refrigerator.
12 pm (noon)	Take 2 Dulcolax® laxative tablets and drink 2 large glasses of water
4 pm	Take 2 Dulcolax® laxative tablets and drink 2 large glasses of water.
4:30 pm - 6:30 pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Begin drinking the bowel prep (PEG 3350) solution. Drink half of the PEG 3350® solution (about 2 liters). This is one 8-ounce glass every 10-20 minutes. Put the remaining half in the refrigerator for later.• If you vomit, stop for 1 hour, and then begin drinking again. If this reoccurs and you feel you can't complete the prep, STOP and call 716-845-1424. Leave a message and we will contact you the next business day to reschedule your appointment with a different prep.
Time	What You Need to Do - Day of Procedure
12 am (midnight)	After midnight, do not eat or drink anything EXCEPT the remaining bowel prep and instructed medications with a small sip of water.
Start 6 hours before your arrival time	Take the last 2 Dulcolax® tablets and drink the remaining 2 liters of PEG 3350® solution over 2 hours.

The Day of the Procedure – At Home

- Take your medications as instructed by the nurse or anesthesia team.
- Remove all piercings and jewelry, including rings.
- Remove contact lenses.
- **Remember to bring a responsible driver with you who can take you home - or your procedure will be cancelled.**
- If your driver is not present, we will call to verify your ride.
- If you are coming by medical transportation or a cab, you must have a responsible adult ride with you.

The Day of the Procedure – At the Hospital

- If you are a new patient, please stop at the Registration Desk in the Main Lobby. Please bring photo ID and insurance cards.
- Proceed to 3 West/Ambulatory Surgery Center on the third floor and check in with the receptionist.
- Be prepared to spend 3-4 hours at the hospital.

After Your Procedure

- Your doctor will discuss the results of the procedure with you after you are awake in the recovery room.
- You will be given discharge instructions explaining how to care for yourself at home and when to call the doctor.