

Bowel Prep Frequently Asked Questions

What is a clear stool?

A clear stool can have a slight tint of yellow or brown. It will be completely transparent, and will not contain any solid matter.

I am not having bowel movements, what should I do?

Bowel movements can take up to 5-6 hours after beginning the prep to start. Be patient, continue to drink liquids. If you have not had a bowel movement by midnight the night prior to your procedure, you will need to reach the on call physician for further instructions.

The prep is making me nauseous, what should I do?

If you develop nausea or vomiting, slow down the rate at which you drink the solution. Please attempt to drink all of the laxative solution even if it takes you longer. If vomiting persists, or you are not able to finish the preparation, stop the preparation and call your physician's office for further instructions.

What are some high fiber foods I should avoid?

Raw fruits and vegetables are typically high in fiber, as well as nuts, seeds, whole grain breads and beans and lentils.

What are some good options for low fiber foods?

Choose white bread and white rice for lower fiber options, as well as pastas made with white flour. Chicken, fish, dairy and eggs are also low in fiber and good choices for foods 2-3 days before you begin your prep.

If I eat popcorn or seeds 3 days before my procedure do I need to reschedule?

You will not need to reschedule your procedure, however the seeds or nuts may cause a difficulty in screening and require a need for rescreening. If you have eaten a large amount of seeds or nuts, you may want to contact the nurse or physician.

Can I drink ALCOHOL on the clear liquid diet?

Alcohol is not allowed as part of the clear liquid diet.

Can I continue to be on the liquid diet after I begin consuming the laxatives?

Yes, you may continue the clear liquid diet until you are directed to discontinue anything by mouth, which is typically 4-6 hours prior to the procedure.

Why do I have to wake up so early for the 2nd dose, can't I take it all the night before?

A split prep has proven to be the most effective for a successful colonoscopy. It is essential that you follow the directions provided with your prep medications.

If I weigh under 100 pounds do I need to take all of the prep?

The liquid amount is not weight dependent. It is important to finish the prep for a successful colonoscopy.

FLEX SIG PREP

Prep Day: The day before your procedure

No solid foods upon rising, until after your procedure. Drink plenty of water throughout the day to avoid dehydration.

DIABETICS: If you are on long acting insulin, take only half dose the evening before your procedure, unless otherwise directed by your gastroenterologist

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6:00 PM the evening prior to your procedure

Take two (2) Dulcolax Tablets with a glass of water.



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Before bedtime the evening prior to your procedure

Use one (1) Fleet Enema

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Before leaving for your procedure the morning of your procedure

Use one (1) Fleet Enema

Individual responses to laxatives vary. This preparation will cause multiple bowel movements, stay close to a bathroom. Your bowel movements should be watery, see-through and free of solids (flecks are ok).

LOW FIBER FOODS:

- Juices without pulp
- Enriched White Bread
- White Rice or Plain White Enriched Pasta or Noodles
- Cereals with no more than 1 gram of dietary fiber
- Canned Soups without Corn or Peas
- Eggs
- Canned Fruits without skins, seeds or membranes
- Well Cooked Turkey, Chicken or Fish

AVOID:

- Whole Wheat, Grain, Oats or Multigrain Bread
- Brown or Wild Rice
- Raw/Dried Fruits or Vegetables
- Dried Beans, Baked Beans, Peas or Corn
- Flax or any food products containing flax, nuts or seeds
- Popcorn or snack food containing corn, nuts or seeds

FLEX SIG PREP

THE DAY OF THE PROCEDURE

- You are on a clear liquid diet up to 3 hours before your procedure
- **DO NOT have anything by mouth 3 hours prior to your procedure (this includes water, gum, candy, chewing tobacco, snuff or food items).**
- **EXCEPTION:** If there are prescribed medications that you **NEED** to take the morning of the procedure, please do so with a small sip of water **AT LEAST 3 hours prior** to your procedure. Do not take **anything** by mouth starting 3 hours prior to your procedure.
- **DIABETICS:** Do not take **ANY** insulin or oral diabetic medication the morning of your procedure, unless otherwise directed by your gastroenterologist.
- Use of illicit drugs including Marijuana/THC within 24 hours of procedure could result in cancellation.
- If you use an inhaler, bring it with you to your procedure.
- If you wear contacts, be prepared to remove them or wear glasses.
- Please do not wear jewelry (including body piercings) or wear lotion to the center.
- Plan to be at the facility for 3-4 hours.

This procedure requires sedation and a driver (age 18 or over) must accompany you to your appointment. The person who is driving you home must remain at the facility while your procedure is being performed so that they are available to receive discharge instructions and pertinent medical information, as well as possibly assist you with dressing. You may not go home in a taxi, rideshare (Uber/Lyft), or take public transportation. The sedation you will receive will prevent you from driving safely or working the day of your procedure. Following your procedure, do not drive, operate heavy machinery or sign legal documents for 24 hours. **NO DRIVER = NO PROCEDURE.**

If you have any questions or concerns about the preparation, please contact Your Patient Advisor by calling 800-349-0285 or emailing support@yourpatientadvisor.com.