

Colonoscopy Preparation Instructions – CLENPIQ

Please read carefully a week before your procedure.

IF YOU ARE ON BLOOD THINNERS (COUMADIN, PLAVIX, etc.), INSULIN OR OTHER DIABETIC MEDICATIONS, PLEASE LET US KNOW AND CHECK WITH YOUR PRESCRIBING PHYSICIAN FOR INSTRUCTIONS. Your prescribing provider needs to determine if you should stop or stay on your blood thinner before procedure.

Not following these instructions may result in cancellation.

General Endoscopy Information

- Do not chew gum or suck on hard candy the day of your procedure.
- You must have a responsible adult to accompany you home after the procedure. This person must pick you up in the endoscopy unit. If you do not have a responsible adult to accompany you home, your procedure will be cancelled.
- You may not operate a motor vehicle for the remainder of the day following your procedure.
- You may not take a taxi, Uber or bus home unless accompanied by a responsible adult.
- If your insurance company requires a REFERRAL, YOU MUST BRING IT WITH YOU. Also, please bring your current insurance card(s), copy (if applicable), and a current picture ID with you on the day of your procedure.
- Our office will contact your insurance carrier to verify coverage and, if required, obtain preauthorization for your procedure. However, preauthorization is not a guarantee of payment and you will be responsible for any deductibles, copays, co-insurance, and/or any other plan specific out-of-pocket expenses.
- Dependent upon your family history, personal history, prior gastroenterology diagnoses, or findings discovered during your colonoscopy, your procedure may be considered preventative or diagnostic. This determination will not be made until after the procedure has concluded and will be based upon the findings of your exam. In our experience, many insurance carriers cover preventative and diagnostic colonoscopies differently, and as a result, your out-of-pocket payment may also differ. If you have any questions about your coverage, please contact your insurance carrier directly.

If you have any questions, please contact your GI physician's office during normal business hours.

CLENPIQ BOWEL PREP KIT

CLENPIQ Bowel Prep Kit is taken as a split dose (2-day) regimen. You take the first 6-ounce bottle of CLENPIQ the evening before your colonoscopy at 5:00 PM. You will take the second 6-ounce bottle of CLENPIQ the morning of your colonoscopy (5 hours before your procedure). It is important to drink the additional water as recommended in the instructions for use. Both 6-ounce bottles are required for a complete prep.

The day before the procure:

1. *Drink only clear liquids the entire day.* No solid food should be taken. Clear liquids include water, clear soup or broth, apple juice, white grape juice, pulp free lemonade, sprite, ginger-ale, coffee or tea without milk or non-dairy creamers, plain Jello (no added fruit or toppings, no red, purple, or blue Jello. See clear liquid diet below).

DO NOT drink milk

DO NOT eat or drink anything colored red or purple

DO NOT drink alcoholic beverages

2. Complete steps 1 through 4 using (1) 6-ounce bottle starting at 5:00 p.m.:

Step 1:

Drink ONE (1) 6-ounce bottle of CLENPIQ straight from the bottle.

Step 2:

Keep Hydrating: Drink 5 cups (8 oz x 5) of clear liquid.

Step 3:

Be sure to drink the entire contents of the bottle. Keep hydrating and finish the 5 cups of clear liquid within 5 hours.

3. *No solid food should be taken during or after the prep.*

The day of your procedure:

1. **5 hours before your procedure time:** Start 2nd dose of CLENPIQ and continue to hydrate:

Step 1:

Drink the SECOND 6-ounce bottle of CLENPIQ straight from the bottle. Be sure to drink entire contents.

Step 2:

Keep Hydrated: Drink at least 3 cups (8 oz x 3) of clear liquids. Finish liquids 4 hours before your scheduled procedure.

NOTE: you must finish drinking the final glass of water at least 4 hours, or as directed, before your procedure.

2. It is important that you finish the remaining dose at least **4 hours** before your scheduled procedure.
3. Do not take anything by mouth starting 4 hours before your procedure.
4. *Do not eat hard candy or chew gum.*
5. Wear comfortable clothing that is easy to remove and leave jewelry at home.
6. Report to the Outpatient Procedure Suite, on the 1st floor of the Main Hospital.

7. Once you enter the Endoscopy Suite, you will be asked to put on a hospital gown. A nurse will review your medical history with you (Bring a list of your current medication, allergies, and a copy of your recent EKG). An intravenous line (IV) will be started for your sedation during the procedure.
8. *When your procedure is done, you will remain in the recovery room for up to 1 hour.*
9. Your doctor will discuss the results of your procedure with you and give you a written copy of the report.

** It is not uncommon for individuals to experience bloating or nausea when drinking a solution. If vomiting or other symptoms concern you please call your GI physician's office during normal business hours.*

PLEASE NOTE: It is extremely important to follow the preparation listed above, so that the doctor will be able to see your entire colon. Your colon must be clear of any stool. Inadequate preparation limits the value of this procedure and could necessitate rescheduling the examination.

**** If you need to reschedule or cancel your appointment, please call your GI physician's office.***

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS:

My procedure is in the afternoon. Can I eat in the morning?

A: No period to ensure your safety during the procedure, it is important that the stomach is empty. Any food or liquid in the stomach at the time of the procedure places you at risk of aspirating these contents into the lung leading to a serious complication called aspiration pneumonia. You can drink water until 4 hours before your procedure time.

I ate breakfast (lunch or dinner) the day before my colonoscopy. Is that okay?

A: If the preparation instructions were not followed properly, residual stool may remain in the colon and hide important findings from the examining physician. In some cases if the colon preparation is not good, you may have to repeat the preparation and the exam. *If you accidentally eat any solid food the day before your exam, please call and ask to speak with a member of the nursing staff. You may be asked to reschedule your procedure.*

I don't have a ride. Is that okay?

A: No. If you do not have a responsible adult to accompany you home, YOUR PROCEDURE WILL BE CANCELLED.

How many days prior to the procedure should I discontinue my Coumadin, Plavix or other blood thinning medications?

A: If you are taking any blood thinning medications please let your endoscopist know. Generally speaking, you should quit taking your blood thinning medication 5-7 days prior to some procedures; however, you must check with your endoscopist and your prescribing physician to ensure that it is needed and safe for you to do so.

What medications can I take the day before and the day of my procedure?

A: The day prior to your procedure take your medications the way you normally would. However, for those patients taking any type of bowel cleansing preparation, be advised that you may undergo a prolonged period of diarrhea that may flush oral medications out of your system before they have time to take effect. *The morning before your procedure you should take any blood pressure or heart medications you may be on with a small sip of water.* You can hold most other medications and take them once your procedure has been completed. If you have questions about specific medication(s), please call a member of our clinical staff.

I am diabetic. Do I take my insulin?

A: You must direct the question to the physician who placed you on this medication. Please check your blood sugar the morning of your procedure as you normally would. If you have any questions about your diabetes management in conjunction with your fast for your endoscopic procedure, please consult your primary physician.

I am on pain medication? Can I take it prior to my procedure?

A: Many prescription pain medications can adversely affect the medications we use for sedation and for that reason we recommend that the day of your procedure you delay taking your pain medication until after your procedure has been completed. If you have any questions, please call a member of our clinical staff.

I'm having a menstrual period. Should I reschedule my colonoscopy appointment?

A: No. Your menstrual period will not interfere with your physician's ability to complete your procedure.

May I continue taking my iron tablets?

A: No. Iron may cause the formation of dark color stools which can make it difficult for the physician to complete your colonoscopy if your preparation is less than optimal. We recommend you stop taking your oral iron supplements at least one week prior to your procedure.

I have been on Aspirin therapy for my heart. Should I continue to take it?

A: Aspirin may affect blood coagulation. Please check with your endoscopist and prescribing physician.

I am having a colonoscopy tomorrow. I started my colon preparation on time but now I am experiencing diarrhea and/or a bloating feeling. What should I do?

A: Nausea, vomiting and a sense of fullness or bloating can occur any time after beginning your colon preparation. However, it is important that you drink all the preparation. For most people, taking an hour break from the preparation will usually help. Then continue taking the preparation as ordered. If the vomiting returns or symptoms get worse, please call your physician.

CLENPIQ is the prescription medicine used by adults to clean the colon before colonoscopy. CLENPIQ cleans your colon by causing you to have diarrhea. Cleaning your colon helps your health care provider see the inside of your colon more clearly during your colonoscopy.

IMPORTANT SAFETY INFORMATION

- Do not take CLENPIQ if your healthcare provider has told you that you have serious kidney problems, a blockage in your intestine (bowel obstruction), and opening in the wall of your stomach or intestines (bowel preparation), a very dilated intestine (toxic megacolon), problems with emptying of food and fluid from your stomach (gastric retention), or an allergy to any of the ingredients in CLENPIQ.
- CLENPIQ and other bowel preparations can cause serious side effects, including serious loss of body fluid (dehydration) and changes in blood salts (electrolytes) in your blood. These changes can cause abnormal heartbeats that may result in death, seizures (this can happen even if you have never had a seizure), or kidney problems. Your chance of having fluid loss and changes in blood salts with CLENPIQ is higher if you have heart problems, have kidney problems, or take water pills or non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs (NSAIDs). Your healthcare provider may do blood test after you take CLENPIQ to check your blood for changes. Tell your healthcare provider right away if you have any of these symptoms resulting from a loss of too much body fluid (dehydration): vomiting, nausea, bloating, dizziness, stomach area abdomen cramping, urinating less than often than normal, trouble drinking clear liquids, trouble swallowing, seizures, or heart problems.
- CLENPIQ can cause ulcers of the bowel or bowel problems (ischemic colitis). Tell your healthcare provider right away if you have severe stomach-area (abdomen) pain or rectal bleeding.
- The most common side effects of CLENPIQ include nausea, headache, and vomiting. These are not all the possible side effects of CLENPIQ. Ask your doctor or pharmacist for more information. You are encouraged to report negative side effects of prescription drugs to the FDA. Visit www.fda.gov/medwatch, or 1-800-FDA-1088.

If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to call.

Sincerely,

Inova Gastroenterology Team