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NuLytely – Preparation for Colonoscopy

Name _____ Date _____ Arrival Time _____

Physician _____ Location _____

******DO NOT STOP YOUR ASPIRIN PRIOR TO THE PROCEDURE*****

******Do not take iron for 5 days prior to your procedure******

*****DO NOT SMOKE ON THE DAY OF YOUR PROCEDURE, INCLUDING SMOKING TOBACCO,
ELECTRONIC CIGARETTES, MARIJUANA, CIGARS, AND/OR PIPES*****

Special Medication Instructions: _____

DAY BEFORE EXAM _____

Mix NuLytely with lukewarm water up to the “Fill Line” as indicated on container. Shake well and place in refrigerator. Begin clear liquid diet.

CLEAR LIQUID DIET

Coffee/Tea	Soft Drinks	Jell-O
Clear Broth	Popsicles	Clear Fruit Juice
Gatorade	Water	Lemonade

DO NOT have any red or purple liquids, milk, creamer, or solid food.

4:00 pm: Drink 1 (8 oz) glass of the NuLytely every 10 minutes until you have had 10 glasses. Drink each glass quickly. Refrigerate the remaining solution.

DAY OF EXAM _____

At least 4 hours before your arrival time, finish drinking the last 6 glasses of solution, in the same manner, to complete the container.

Moistened wipes will help prevent irritation from frequent wiping.

****DO NOT HAVE ANYTHING TO DRINK FOR AT LEAST 2 HOURS BEFORE YOUR
ARRIVAL TIME****

YOUR DRIVER MUST STAY AT THE CENTER FOR YOUR ENTIRE APPOINTMENT

Call 791-2040 with any questions.

KEYS TO A GOOD BOWEL PREPARATION

It is important to have an excellent bowel preparation prior to your colonoscopy. This will allow your doctor to examine your colon with better accuracy, and avoid the need for a repeat examination due to an inadequate preparation. Please review the helpful hints listed below.

1. **FOLLOW YOUR DIRECTIONS CAREFULLY:**

Review them a week prior to your scheduled colonoscopy so you can plan. Pick up your bowel preparation kit from the pharmacy, review any potential need to adjust medications (e.g. blood thinners), and make sure you have arranged for someone to accompany you to the appointment (you will not be able to drive yourself). Call your doctor if you have any questions.

2. **DIET:**

Avoid the following foods 3 days prior to your colonoscopy if possible– raw fruits/vegetables/salads, corn, nuts, seeds, popcorn. ***This is just a recommendation to help insure that your colon is as clean as possible, and that you will not need to repeat the exam sooner than necessary.*** Remember: **no solids for the whole day before your procedure.**

3. **CONSTIPATION:**

If you tend to constipation, your colon may not clean out well unless you follow some additional simple steps. If you usually do not have a bowel movement every day, take MIRALAX (generic is fine as well) 17 grams of powder mixed in 8 oz. of water TWICE a day for THREE days prior to your bowel preparation (i.e. 4 days prior to your colonoscopy), then take your bowel preparation as directed. If you do not usually have a bowel movement for 4 days or more, call your doctor's office for special instructions.

4. **HEMORRHOIDS/ANAL DISCOMFORT:**

The preparation process requires you to have frequent bowel movements, therefore anal/hemorrhoidal irritation may occur. To minimize this, apply a small amount of Vaseline to the cleansed anal area prior to starting the bowel preparation. Additionally, we recommend using non alcohol, non scented, moistened anal wipes to keep the anal area clean while taking the bowel prep.

5. **GETTING YOUR PREP DOWN SUCCESSFULLY:**

Make sure you get your bowel preparation very cold prior to drinking it, and pour it over ice as well. Drinking it through a straw will minimize the amount of the laxative that you actually have to taste. You can also add a powdered flavoring, such as Crystal Light lemonade, to each glass. Sucking on hard candies after drinking the laxative will also help dispel the taste in your mouth and make the preparation process more tolerable.

6. **DRINK LOTS OF FLUIDS:**

It is very important to stay well hydrated during your bowel preparation process. The more liquids you drink, the better you will feel.