

## **SuTab PREPARATION**

You will need a prescription for this preparation. This has been sent to your pharmacy.

### **Supplies Needed:**

- SuTab kit from your pharmacy
- 4 Dulcolax or Bisacodyl laxative tablets (over the counter)
- Simethicone (Gas-X extra-strength 125mg) 6 tablets
- Miralax or generic polyethylene glycol (119 grams bottle) if you have constipation or use laxatives, have diabetes or use narcotics on a daily basis
- Tush wipes

All preparation works best when you take them as a split-dose. This means you take the first dose in the evening before the procedure and the second dose 5 hours before the procedure.

**A thorough colon cleansing before the procedure is key to its success.** It is very important to drink all of the preparation solutions and follow the instructions.

**If your stool IS NOT clear enough to see to the bottom of the toilet, please contact our office before your appointment**

Colon-cleansing preparations cause frequent, liquid stools. You may have your first bowel movement about one hour after you start to drink the solution. You may continue to pass liquid stools up to two hours after you finish the solution.

If you find it hard to tolerate the taste of the solution, these tips may help:

- Refrigerate the solution and drink it cold. Do not add ice to the solution.
- May add a clear flavor of Crystal light.
- Suck on ice or a lemon or lime wedge between each glass of the solution
- After each glass of the solution drink a few sips of white grape or apple juice
- Chew gum right before you drink each glass of the solution.
- Drink the solution through a straw.

Side effects from the solution may include bloating, stomach cramps, nausea and vomiting. You may also have chills, headache and irritation of your rectal area.

If you develop side effects, drink the solution more slowly until your symptoms improve.

Use Rectal Tush wipes to help with rectal irritation from bowel movement.

## 5 DAYS PRIOR TO PROCEDURE

- If you have constipation, use laxatives, are diabetic or use narcotics on a daily basis, start taking **one capful of Miralax daily**
- **Begin a low fiber diet**  
AVOID: Raw vegetables, lettuce, corn, fruits with seeds or peel, nuts, seeds, popcorn, oats, whole grains/breads with seeds.  
OK TO EAT: Dairy, eggs, chicken, beef, turkey, fish, white rice, white bread, banana, peeled apples  
OK TO CONTINUE: Fiber powder base supplements such as Metamucil, Benefiber, Citrucel  
**STOP:** Iron supplements

**Hydration is an important part of the colon cleansing process. Make sure to keep yourself well hydrated before you take the solution, while you're taking the solution, and after the solution up to two hours before the procedure.**

## 1 DAY PRIOR TO PROCEDURE

Continue with a light/low residue diet with last meal intake at 5:00 PM. Low residue foods include eggs, chicken, fish, white bread, cottage cheese, yogurt (no fruit), vanilla ice cream, grits, coffee, and tea.

**12:00 PM** - Please take 2 Dulcolax tablets with a full glass of water

\*Avoid any red or purple liquid, such as cranberry juice or grape juice, as the coloring can interfere with the results of your exam.

**5:00 PM** - Eat your last meal of the day. **No more solid food after 5 pm** but continue with liquid intake such as water, juice, soda, sports drink, coffee, tea, clear broth, popsicles, Jell-o without fruit or toppings.

**6:00 PM** - Open 1 bottle of 12 tablets. Fill the provided container with 16 ounces of water (up to the fill line). Swallow one tablet every 1-2 minutes. You should finish the 12 tablets and the entire 16 ounces of water within 20 minutes.

- Approximately 1 hour after the last tablet is ingested, fill the provided container again with 16 ounces of water (up to fill line) and drink the entire amount over 30 minutes.
- Take 3 tablets of **Simethicone** after you're done with the tablets and drink an additional **16 oz of clear liquid** to ensure adequate hydration and effective bowel preparation.

**8:00 PM** - Please take 2 Dulcolax tablets with a full glass of water

## DAY OF PROCEDURE

**5 hours** prior to the colonoscopy, open the second bottle of 12 tablets. Fill the provided container with 16 ounces of water (up to the fill line). Swallow each tablet with a sip of water, and drink the entire amount of water over 15-20 minutes.

- Approximately 1 hour after the last tablet is ingested, fill the provided container with 16 ounces of water (up to the fill line), and drink the entire amount over 30 minutes.
- Take 3 tablets of **Simethicone** after you're done with the tablets and drink an additional **16 oz of clear liquid** to ensure adequate hydration and effective bowel preparation.
- You may take your morning medications such as blood pressure, heart or thyroid pills.
- You may continue to drink coffee, tea, clear juice, and water up to 2 hours prior to your procedure time.

**IMPORTANT:** You must complete all SUTAB tablets and required water at least 2 hours before colonoscopy.

**2 hours before the procedure STOP drinking all liquids.**

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**FOODS YOU MAY EAT STARTING 3 DAYS PRIOR TO PROCEDURE**

**BREADS/GRAINS:**

- Refined breads, toast rolls, biscuits, muffins, crackers, pancakes, waffles
- Enriched white bread and rolls
- Saltines
- Refined ready to eat and cold cereals
- Cooked/refined wheat, corn or rice cereal
- White rice and pasta

**MILK/DAIRY:**

- Milk, cottage cheese, mild cheese
- Yogurt without fruit
- Ice cream with no fruit or nuts

**MEAT/PROTEIN:**

- Ground or well cooked, tender beef, lamb, ham, veal, pork, fish, shellfish, poultry without skin, organ meats
- Eggs
- peanut butter-not chunky

**MISCELLANEOUS:**

- coffee, tea, carbonated beverages
- Sugar, honey, jelly without seeds, syrup
- Salt, soy sauce, ketchup
- Mild spices
- Lemon juice, vinegar, flavoring extracts