

## **Miralax AM - Colonoscopy Preparation Instructions**

**Appointment Date:    Check In Time:    Procedure Performed by:**

### **You will need:**

- 1 Bottle of **Miralax** (Glycolax) 238 Grams Polyethylene glycol (PEG) available in the laxative section of your pharmacy.
- **Gas-X Extra Strength tablets/capsules/chewable** (Ok if tablets are pink) or generic equivalent (simethicone 125mg). Purchase over-the-counter. You will need 8 of these.

**Special Medication and Diabetic Directions: See separate instructions.**

### **One week before**

Stop taking iron pills, vitamins or herbal supplements in the pill form.

Take your usual prescription medication during prep unless told not to. Aspirin, Ibuprofen and Tylenol are OK if needed.

Avoid foods with seeds (flax seeds, popcorn, nuts and berries). They clog the colonoscope.

### **Two days before**

**Stop taking fiber supplements: Metamucil, Citrucel, etc.**

### **One Day Before Colonoscopy**

**When you awake, begin Clear Liquid Diet. No Solid Food.** You may have: water, coffee, tea, (No milk or creamers) clear fruit juices without pulp or cloudiness, soda pop, Gatorade, chicken bouillon or clear broth, popsicles, and JELL-O.

Avoid the color **red** in all liquids. Avoid alcohol.

**4:00 PM:** Mix the 238 gram bottle of Miralax with 64 ounces of cold Gatorade or clear juice in a pitcher. Shake the solution to mix thoroughly.

**Drink an 8 ounce glass every 15 – 20 minutes until solution is gone.** Nausea and fullness is common until the laxative starts to work. If you vomit during the prep wait 30 minutes, try again, and go slower.

**Take 4 GasX pills.**

**Day of Colonoscopy Continue Clear Liquid Diet - No Solid Food.**

**Take 4 GasX pills at least 2 hs before your check in time.**

Take your regular morning medications at least 2 hrs before your check in time.

**No chewing tobacco for 6 hours prior to procedure.**

**DO NOT put ANYTHING in your mouth the 2 hours before your procedure.**

This includes but is not limited to: bowel prep, medication, hard candy, and chewing gum.

**No Food. No Drink. 2 hours.**

You also need to arrange for an **adult driver** that is able to walk on their own, help you in and out of a car, drive you home and remain with you for 6 hours.

**If these instructions have not been followed your appointment may be delayed or cancelled.**

If you received these instructions by email, you will also receive attachments with additional important information.