

### **IMPORTANT:**

- **1.** STOP Iron tablets 1 week before your procedure.
- **2.** STOP Phenteramine, and <u>other weight reduction medications</u> 1 week before your procedure.
- **3.** You must notify the office of all prescriptions you are taking. Patients with diabetes or heart disease may need specific instructions.
- 4. It is critical that you notify the doctor if you take Aspirin, Plavix, Coumadin (Warfarin), Effient, or Pradaxa.

# THE DAY BEFORE YOUR COLONOSCOPY:

- 1. Do not have: solid foods, milk or milk products.
- 2. You are to have only **CLEAR Liquids** with no Red dye.

  Clear liquids include: water, broth, **black coffee, or black tea** (no creamers), and Gatorade.

  You may have Jell-O, clear soda, and popsicles so long as they are not colored red.
- 3. Drink 6-8 glasses of water starting 8AM until 5PM to get yourself well hydrated.

#### **REMEMBER:**

- 1. FOR YOUR COLONOSCOPY DO NOT eat: corn of any kind, raw fruits, nuts, raw vegetables, or fiber supplements 3 days before your procedure.
- 2. DO NOT Smoke the day of your procedure.

## PLEASE SEE THE INSTRUCTIONS ON HOW TO TAKE YOUR BOWEL PREP SOLUTION

# **DAY OF THE PROCEDURE (Colonoscopy or EGD)**

- 1. You may not eat anything including gum and hard candy.
- 2. You may drink clear fluids only up to 4 hours before your procedure.
- 3. You must have someone to drive you home because you will be receiving intravenous sedatives.
- 4. If on blood pressure, seizure, anxiety or thyroid medications please take <u>at least 2 hours</u> before your procedure with a small sip of water.
- 5. Do not take diabetes pills.
- 6. Decrease your insulin dose by ½.
- 7. You may brush your teeth but do not swallow.

If you experience vomiting, please contact the office or the on-call physician. If you use inhalers, bring them with you to the Endoscopy Centre. Please call us immediately if you have any questions or concerns.

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