

PATIENT INSTRUCTIONS

COLONOSCOPY with GoLytely (peg3350/electrolytes)

Patient: _____ Appointment Date: _____

Arrival Time: _____ am/pm Provider: _____

Additional Instructions: _____

What is a Colonoscopy?

A colonoscopy enables your physician to examine the lining of your colon (large intestine) for abnormalities by inserting a flexible tube into the rectum and colon. This allows the physician to get a close-up view of the inside of your colon. Any lesions or abnormalities, such as polyps, which are too small to be seen on X-ray, can be removed and biopsied.

What can I expect during a Colonoscopy?

A colonoscopy is generally well tolerated. You may feel pressure, bloating or cramping during the procedure. You will receive medication to make the procedure more comfortable. You will be positioned on your left side and may be asked to turn during the procedure. Our highest priority is performing the most careful and safest possible examination for each and every patient. **Although we strive to remain on schedule, please understand that some procedures take longer than others. We ask for your patience and that you allow 3-4 hours for check in, procedure and recovery.**

What are polyps and why are they removed?

Polyps are abnormal growths in the colon lining that are usually benign (non-cancerous). They vary in size from a tiny dot to several inches. Your physician can't always tell a benign polyp from a malignant (cancerous) polyp by its outer appearance, so the polyp is sent in for examination. Colon cancer begins in polyps and removing them is an important means of preventing colorectal cancer. Polyps are removed during the exam by the physician.

What are the possible complications of a Colonoscopy?

A colonoscopy is a safe procedure, with serious complications occurring less than 1% of the time. One possible complication is a perforation, or tear, through the bowel wall that could require surgery. Bleeding might occur at the site of biopsy or polyp removal, but it is usually minor. Another complication could be reactions to medicine. Although complications after a colonoscopy are uncommon, it's important to recognize early signs of possible complications. You will be given written discharge instructions after your colonoscopy.

Advance Directives:

If you have an Advance Directive bring a copy with you. If you have a "do not resuscitate" Advance Directive, Mankato Clinic Endoscopy Center honors the Directive on a **limited** basis; Mankato Clinic Endoscopy Center staff, under the direction of the physician, will aggressively treat and transfer you to the Mayo Clinic Health System Mankato hospital in the event of deterioration. If you bring a copy of your Advance Directive it will be transferred with you. The Mankato Clinic Endoscopy Center declines to implement elements of the Advance Directive on the basis of conscience or any other reasons permitted under the State Law.

Your body loses significant amounts of fluid during bowel preparation. In order to prevent dehydration, it is important to supplement that fluid loss with clear liquids. Make a conscious effort to drink as much as you can before, during, and after the colonoscopy prep.

Prepare Yourself	7 Days Before	5 Days before	1 Day Before	Day of Procedure
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> You are scheduled for a sedated procedure. Do not drive or operate machinery for 12 hours after your procedure. A responsible driver must accompany you to the clinic and remain in the waiting room during the procedure and recovery periods. We recommend that someone remain with you for 12 hours after you are discharged. You are not allowed to take a taxi, a bus or walk home. Bring a list of current prescription and over the counter medications and herbal supplements. Include the dosage and number of times taken each day. If you are diabetic, you may need to check your blood sugar more often. If you have a prescription inhaler at home, please bring this along with you to your appointment. Bring a list of known allergies to food, medication or latex. Bring a list of medical conditions and surgical history. Wear a short sleeved shirt and loose fitting, comfortable clothes. Please inform your healthcare provider if you are or could be pregnant. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Go to the Pharmacy and ask for your prescribed prep medications, which includes GoLytely, 4 Bisacodyl or Senna tablets. Let the Pharmacist know it's for a Colonoscopy. Follow the instruction provided on this sheet. Stop any iron unless it's in a vitamin. If diabetic or on anti-inflammatory (NSAIDS) such as Ibuprofen, Advil, Motrin, Naproxen, Aleve or Aspirin, please contact your primary/pre-op provider regarding any questions or changes needed unless already instructed. 	<p>If you are on any blood thinning medication (examples: Coumadin, Warfarin, Plavix, Jantoven or Lovenox, etc.), please make sure your healthcare provider is aware of this before your Colonoscopy. Certain medications may need to be temporarily stopped prior to your procedure.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continue to take all other prescribed medications as directed, even on the day of procedure, unless directed by your provider. (During prep time take with small sips of water. Avoid vegetables and fruits with skins or seeds. Avoid nuts, corn, popcorn, whole grain cereals or breads. Avoid Citrucel, Metamucil and Psyllium. Recommended foods: Dairy products, pasta, white bread, meats, poultry and fish without skin <p style="text-align: center;">2 Days Before</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8pm or bedtime – Take 2 Bisacodyl or Senna tablets. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Begin a clear liquid diet. No solid foods for breakfast, lunch, or dinner. Drink only clear liquids for breakfast, lunch and dinner. Clear liquids allowed: Water, apple juice, white grape juice, Gatorade, fruit sports drinks, popsicles, gummy bears, broths and plain Jell-O. Coffee without creamer, tea and soda in limited quantities. No red and purple products. It is important that you drink a variety of clear liquid beverages with calories to prevent dehydration. <p>In the morning: Fill the container of the GoLytely to the fill line with warm tap water and put it in the refrigerator to keep it cold. It is ok to flavor the GoLytely with Crystal Light or Kool-Aid of your choice. (No red or purple colors)</p> <p>4 pm Take 2 Bisacodyl or Senna tablets</p> <p>6 pm - Start drinking the 1st half of the GoLytely. Drink 8oz of the GoLytely every 10 minutes until you have finished the first half of the contents of the container.</p>	<p>The 2nd half of the GoLytely should be started 5 hours before your scheduled arrival time. Start drinking at: _____am Drink 8 oz. of the GoLytely every 10 minutes until the container is empty.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Drink clear liquids up until 2 hours prior to procedure and then nothing by mouth. If you are diabetic please check your blood sugar at home prior to coming. Time _____Result_____ (Please bring this with you to your procedure.) <p>It is very important that you drink all of the prep.</p> <p>Proper bowel preparation for a colonoscopy is necessary in order for your doctor to fully view the colon. If your stool is not clear/yellow liquid, your procedure may need to be rescheduled.</p> <p>PLEASE LEAVE YOUR VALUABLES AT HOME</p> <p>Please report to the Mankato Clinic Endoscopy Center at 1230 E. Main Street, Mankato as scheduled above with a responsible adult driver. Call with any questions to 507-389-8582 and select option #1.</p>