

PATIENT INSTRUCTIONS

COLONOSCOPY with Plenvu

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 and make important decisions for 12 hours after. A responsible driver must accompany you to the clinic and remain in the waiting room during the procedure and recovery period. Someone must remain with you for 12 hours. You are not allowed to take a taxi, bus, or walk home. ● Bring a list of current prescription and over-the-counter medications and herbal supplements. Include 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 short sleeved shirt and loose-fitting, comfortable clothing. ● Also, please inform your healthcare provider if you are or may be pregnant. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Go to the Pharmacy and ask for your prescribed prep medications. Which includes Plenvu, 4 Bisacodyl or Senna. Let the Pharmacist know it's for a Colonoscopy. Follow the instruction provided on this sheet. Stop Ironother than in 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 changes needed unless already instructed. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● If you are on a blood thinning medication (examples: Coumadin, warfarin, Plavix, Jantoven or Lovenox etc.) please make your healthcare provider aware of this before your colonoscopy. Certain medications may need to be stopped temporarily prior to your procedure. ● Continue to take all other prescribed medications as usual unless changed by your provider. (During prep time take with small sips of water.) ● Avoid vegetables and fruits with skins or seeds, nuts, corn, popcorn, whole grains. ● Avoid Citrucel, Metamucil, and psyllium. ● Recommended foods: Dairy products, pasta, white bread, meats, poultry, and fish without skin. <div style="text-align: center; border-top: 1px solid black; border-bottom: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;">2 Days Before</div> <p>8pm or Bedtime: take 2 Bisacodyl or Senna tablets</p>	<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: Apple; white grape; Gatorade; water; fruit sports drinks; popsicles; gummy bears; and any clear fruit juice without pulp; broth; plain Jello. 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>4pm: 2 Bisacodyl or Senna tablets</p> <p>Use Mixing container to mix the contents of the Dose 1 pouch with at least 16 ounces of water by shaking or using a spoon until completely dissolved. This may take up to 2-3 minutes.</p> <p>6pm: Start drinking the 1st dose of Plenvu take your time- slowly finish the dose within 30 minutes</p> <p>6:30pm: Refill the container with at least 16 ounces of clear liquid. Again, take your time- slowly finish within 30 minutes.</p>	<p>The 2nd Dose of Plenvu should be started 5 hours before your scheduled arrival time.</p> <p>Mix dose 2 in mixing container.</p> <p>_____am: Start Drinking 2nd dose of Plenvu take your time – slowly finish the dose within 30 minutes.</p> <p>_____am: Refill the container with at least 16 ounces of clear liquid. Again, take your time slowly finish all of it within 30 minutes.</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. <p>Time_____Result_____ (Please bring this with you to your procedure.)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">*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 style="text-align: center;">PLEASE LEAVE YOUR VALUABLES AT HOME</p> <p style="text-align: center;">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 option 1.</p>

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