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**PREPARATION FOR COLONOSCOPY – MIRALAX/GLYCOLAX**

*PLEASE READ THESE INSTRUCTIONS AT LEAST 7 DAYS PRIOR TO EXAM.*

YOU WILL RECEIVE CONSCIOUS SEDATION DURING YOUR COLONOSCOPY. IT WILL NOT BE SAFE, OR LEGAL, FOR YOU TO DRIVE FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE DAY. It is REQUIRED that your driver check in with you when you come for your procedure, and stay in our office while you are here for your procedure. IF YOU DO NOT HAVE A DRIVER WITH YOU WHEN YOU COME FOR YOUR PROCEDURE, WE WILL CANCEL YOUR PROCEDURE. Plan on being here for 1 to 1½ hours.

Do not plan any out of town trips for one week after your colonoscopy. If the doctor finds polyps, he will remove them (polypectomy). It is important to remain close to home in the event of side effects or complications, such as bleeding.

➔ Purchase from a drug store of your choice: **Bisacodyl/Dulcolax tablets – 5mg each**  
**238g bottle of MIRALAX/GLYCOLAX**

Date \_\_\_\_\_ (TWO DAYS BEFORE COLONOSCOPY)

1. **Low-residue diet:** no fruits, vegetables, nuts or fibrous grains.

Date \_\_\_\_\_ (ONE DAY BEFORE COLONOSCOPY)

1. **Start on clear liquid diet only.** Clear liquids include: Jell-O, soft drinks, broth, coffee, tea, fruit juice (pulp-free), Gatorade and popsicles, but NO dairy products. PLEASE DO NOT HAVE ANY RED LIQUID OR JELLO, as these may be mistaken for blood by your physician. Drink as much as you like.
2. **At 12:00 noon** take 2 (two) Bisacodyl (Dulcolax) tablets.
3. **At 6:00 pm** start taking the Miralax/glycolax. Mix one capful (17 grams) of the powder in 8 oz of clear liquid, and repeat every 10 minutes until **8 doses** have been consumed.  
(Once you start to drink this laxative preparation, remain close to toilet facilities as it is expected that the laxative will work quickly)

Date \_\_\_\_\_ (EXAM DAY)

1. **4 hours prior to your arrival time,** at \_\_\_\_\_, take **4 additional doses** of Miralax/glycolax 10 minutes apart, as directed above.
2. After finishing the above prep, **nothing else** by mouth prior to the procedure. You may take necessary medications with a sip of water no later than 3 hours prior to your procedure.
3. Wear comfortable loose-fitting clothing to the exam.

**APPOINTMENT DATE:** \_\_\_\_\_ **ARRIVAL TIME\*:** \_\_\_\_\_

\*Please note: Your appointment time indicates the time you need to be at the office for preparation. It does not indicate the time the procedure will start.

**PLEASE GIVE OUR OFFICE 48 HOURS ADVANCE NOTICE IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO KEEP THIS APPOINTMENT TO ALLOW TIME FOR SOMEONE ELSE TO USE THIS ALLOTTED APPOINTMENT SLOT. THANK YOU.**

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Mid-Columbia Endoscopy Center is a modern, up-to-date freestanding Ambulatory Endoscopy Center, with state of the art equipment for the performance of endoscopic procedures. This facility was built in accordance with Medicare specifications and is Medicare certified. The facility provides an alternative to performing these procedures in a hospital outpatient setting. Running our own facility allows our medical team to closely monitor quality control. Long delays in scheduling and prolonged waiting periods are avoided. Thus we are able to provide our patients with prompt, efficient, and convenient service, in a comfortable setting, at a greatly reduced cost.

Before you have your scheduled procedure done, we recommend and encourage you to contact your insurance carrier to verify that you have coverage available for the procedure scheduled. **When you receive your bill** you will note that there are **two charges for your procedure**. The **first charge is for the doctor's services**. **The second charge is the facility fee**, which covers the cost of running the facility, the purchase and maintenance of the endoscopes and other equipment, nursing services, IV conscious sedation, and disposable items used during the procedure. The facility fee is in lieu of the bill you would otherwise receive from the hospital if the procedure were done there. Medicare and most other insurance carriers accept and will pay the facility charge. The advantage of this format is that the cost of the facility fee that accompanies the procedure is considerably less than it would be when performed in a hospital setting, providing you and your insurance carrier with a substantial cost saving. If you have any questions regarding the facility fee or filing your insurance, our bookkeeper will be glad to assist you. If you would like to tour the facility before your procedure, just ask the nurse.

**There may be additional charges** associated with your procedure. **If biopsies are taken or polyps removed** during your procedure, they will be sent to a **pathologist for examination and diagnosis**. **You will receive a bill from them for those services**, and any questions regarding that bill should be directed to the phone number listed on their billing statement.

**If you receive anesthesia for your procedure, you will receive a bill from the anesthesiologist for their services**. Questions regarding a bill from the anesthesiologist should be directed to the phone number on their billing statement.