

# SUFLAVE BOWEL PREP



The following instructions are your physician's specific instructions. Please follow the instructions to ensure a successful prep.

**DO NOT FOLLOW THE INSTRUCTIONS ON THE PREP BOX, USE INSTRUCTIONS BELOW.**

You can reach **Gift Health** with non-medical prep questions at: **833.614.4438**

You can reach your physician's office at: **678.741.5000**

**Special Notes:** If you have major health problems or a pacemaker, you should discuss your health history with the anesthetist at the center. Please contact them as soon as possible by calling your assigned center. 2550 Windy Hill Rd., Suite 302, Marietta (770-226-9070) | 118 Mill St., Suite 100, Woodstock (678-819-4281) 880 Crestmark Dr., Suite 102, Lithia Springs (678-388-2040)

7 days prior to procedure	3 days prior to procedure	2 days prior to procedure	1 day prior to procedure	Day of procedure		
<p>Pick up your Prescription at your pharmacy.</p> <p>Review your prep instructions thoroughly.</p> <p>Please review your medications for any blood thinners: (Plavix, Arixtra, Aggrenox, Coumadin, Warfarin, Xarelto, Effient, Eliquis, Pradaxa, Pletal, Brilinta and others). Please stop these medications as previously instructed. If you have not received instructions on managing these medications contact our office immediately.</p> <p><b>STOP TAKING:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Iron Supplements and any multivitamin containing iron</li> <li>•Weight loss medications: Ozempic; Mounjaro; Wegovy; Trulicity; etc.</li> <li>•Stimulant Medications (ADHD): Adderall; Ritalin; Concerta; etc.</li> <li>•SGLT-2 Diabetes medications: Invokana; Farxiga; etc.</li> </ul> <p>These medications delay gastric emptying causing sedation risk.</p>	 <p><b>STOP</b> eating whole grains, seeds, nuts, popcorn, raw vegetables, vegetable skins, fruit with seeds or skins, cabbage, lettuce, corn, beans and peas. Plan to be off work the day of your procedure.</p> <p>Review &amp; complete and print out all procedural forms including health history form, HIPAA forms, and any other information sent to you.</p>	 <p>Continue a low fiber diet. Remember to avoid foods with nuts and seeds.</p> <p><b>Confirm arrangements with your driver.</b></p> <p><b>NO DRIVER means NO PROCEDURE!</b></p> <p>Purchase clear liquid diet items, wet wipes (i.e. Charmin) to help reduce skin irritation, anti-gas medication (i.e. Gas-X or phazyme) to use after procedure for bloating or gas.</p>	<p><b>NO SOLID FOOD, CLEAR LIQUIDS* ONLY FOR THE ENTIRE DAY</b></p> <p>A clear liquid diet is necessary for a colonoscopy.</p> <p>See Clear Liquid Diet details below for guidance.</p> <p><b>Prep at a Glance: You must drink 6-8 glasses of water throughout the day PRIOR to beginning your prep.</b></p> <p><b>6:00 pm</b> you will take the first dose of the prep solution. Detailed, step-by-step instructions located on page 2.</p>	<p><b>Nothing by mouth 3 hours prior to your procedure.</b></p> <p><b>NO GUM, HARD CANDY OR CHEWING TOBACCO</b></p> <p><b>YOU MAY BRUSH YOUR TEETH BUT DO NOT SWALLOW</b></p> <p>If you take Lovenox shots, do not take the morning of the procedure unless otherwise instructed.</p> <p>If you take daily blood pressure medication, you may take it with a <b>SMALL SIP OF WATER ONLY</b>, at least 3 hours before your procedure.</p> <p>Use of illicit drugs, including marijuana/THC, on the day of your procedure will result in cancellation and fees.</p>		
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## 7 Days Prior To Procedure:

### STOP TAKING:

Ozempic; Mounjaro; Wegovy; Trulicity; Victoza; Phentermine. These medications delay gastric emptying causing sedation risk.

## Prep Day: The day before your procedure

**No solid foods** upon rising, until after your procedure. Drink plenty of water throughout the day to avoid dehydration.

**DIABETICS:** If you are on long acting insulin, take only half dose the evening before your procedure, unless otherwise directed by your gastroenterologist

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**5:00 PM** the evening prior to your procedure

Open one flavor enhancing packet and pour the contents into one Suflave bottle. Add lukewarm water up to the full line on the bottle. After capping the bottle, gently shake the bottle until all powder has been dissolved. Refrigerate one hour before drinking.



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**6:00 PM** the evening prior to your procedure

Drink 8 ounces of solution every 15 minutes until the bottle is empty. This is a total of 32 ounces. (Four 8ounce glasses).



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**7:00 PM** the evening prior to your procedure

Drink an additional 16 ounces of water over the next hour.

This step is very important in the cleanout process. Please make sure and drink no less than instructed amount of water.



*Individual responses to laxatives vary. This preparation will cause multiple bowel movements, stay close to a bathroom. Your bowel movements should be watery, see- through and free of solids (flecks are ok).*

*If nausea, bloating or abdominal cramping occurs, pause or slow the rate of drinking the solution and add additional water until the symptoms diminish.*

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## Prep Day: The day of your procedure:

**DIABETICS:** Do not take ANY insulin or oral diabetic medication the morning of your procedure, unless otherwise directed by your gastroenterologist.

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### 6 Hours Prior To Procedure

Open second flavor enhancing packet and pour the contents into remaining Suflave bottle. Add lukewarm water up to the fill line on the bottle. After capping the bottle, gently shake the bottle until all powder has been dissolved. Refrigerate for one hour before drinking.



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### 5 Hours Prior to Procedure

Drink 8 ounces of solution every 15 minutes until the bottle is empty. This is a total of 32 ounces. (Four 8oz glasses).

Drink an additional 16 ounces of water within the next hour. This step is very important in the cleanout process. Please make sure and drink no less than instructed amount of water.

**\*This must be completed 3 hours prior to your procedure.**



#### LOW FIBER FOODS:

- Juices without pulp
- Enriched White Bread
- White Rice or Plain White Enriched Pasta or Noodles
- Cereals with no more than 1 gram of dietary fiber
- Canned Soups without Corn or Peas
- Eggs
- Canned Fruits without skins, seeds or membranes
- Well Cooked Turkey, Chicken or Fish

#### AVOID:

- Whole Wheat, Grain, Oats or Multigrain Bread
- Brown or Wild Rice
- Raw/Dried Fruits or Vegetables
- Dried Beans, Baked Beans, Peas or Corn
- Flax or any food products containing flax, nuts or seeds
- Popcorn or snack food containing corn, nuts or seeds

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## THE DAY OF THE PROCEDURE

- You are on a clear liquid diet up to 3 hours before your procedure
- **DO NOT have anything by mouth 3 hours prior to your procedure (this includes water, gum, candy, chewing tobacco, snuff or food items).**
- **EXCEPTION:** If there are prescribed medications that you **NEED** to take the morning of the procedure, please do so with a small sip of water **AT LEAST 3 hours prior** to your procedure. Do not take **anything** by mouth starting 3 hours prior to your procedure.
- **DIABETICS:** Do not take **ANY** insulin or oral diabetic medication the morning of your procedure, unless otherwise directed by your gastroenterologist.
- Use of illicit drugs including Marijuana/THC within 24 hours of procedure could result in cancellation.
- If you use an inhaler, bring it with you to your procedure.
- If you wear contacts, be prepared to remove them or wear glasses.
- Please do not wear jewelry (including body piercings) or wear lotion to the center.
- **DO NOT USE ILLICIT DRUGS, INCLUDING MARIJUANA/THC, ON THE DAY OF YOUR PROCEDURE. IF YOU DO, YOUR PROCEDURE WILL BE CANCELED AND YOU WILL INCUR CANCELLATION FEES.**
- Plan to be at the facility for 3-4 hours.
- **This procedure requires sedation.** Therefore, a driver (age 18 or over) must accompany you to your appointment. The person who is driving you home must remain at the facility while your procedure is being performed so that they are available to receive discharge instructions and pertinent medical information, as well as possibly assist you with dressing. You may not go home in a taxi, rideshare (Uber/Lyft), or take public transportation. The sedation you will receive will prevent you from driving safely or working the rest of the day of your procedure. Following your procedure, do not drive, operate heavy machinery or sign legal documents for 24 hours.

**NO DRIVER = NO PROCEDURE.**

If you have any questions or concerns about the preparation, please contact Gift Health by calling 833.614.4438 or emailing [care@gifthealth.com](mailto:care@gifthealth.com)

## Bowel Prep Frequently Asked Questions

### What is a clear stool?

A clear stool can have a slight tint of yellow or brown. It will be completely transparent and will not contain any solid matter.

### I am not having bowel movements, what should I do?

Bowel movements can take up to 5-6 hours after beginning the prep to start. Be patient, continue to drink clear liquids.

### The prep is making me nauseous, what should I do?

If you develop nausea or vomiting, slow down the rate at which you drink the solution. Please attempt to drink all of the laxative solution even if it takes you longer. If vomiting persists, or you are not able to finish the preparation, stop the preparation and contact your physician's office during normal business hours or speak to the on-call physician. To prevent nausea, please take Zofran/Ondansetron as needed, if prescribed. This is optional.

### What are some high fiber foods I should avoid?

Raw fruits and vegetables are typically high in fiber, as well as nuts, seeds, whole grain breads and beans and lentils.

### What are some good options for low fiber foods?

Choose white bread and white rice for lower fiber options, as well as pastas made with white flour. Chicken, fish, dairy and eggs are also low in fiber and good choices for foods 2-3 days before you begin your prep.

### If I eat popcorn or seeds 3 days before my procedure, do I need to reschedule?

You will not need to reschedule your procedure; however, the seeds or nuts may cause a difficulty in screening and require a need for rescreening. If you have eaten a large amount of seeds or nuts, you may want to contact your provider or their medical assistant.

### Can I drink ALCOHOL on the liquid diet?

Alcohol is not allowed as part of the liquid diet.

### Can I continue to be on the liquid diet after I begin consuming the laxatives?

Yes, you may continue the liquid diet until you are directed to discontinue anything by mouth, which is typically 3 hours prior to the procedure.

### Why do I have to wake up so early for the 2<sup>nd</sup> dose, can't I take it all the night before?

A split prep has proven to be the most effective for a successful colonoscopy. It is essential that you follow the directions provided with your prep medications.

### If I weigh under 100 pounds, do I need to take all the prep?

The liquid amount is not weight dependent. It is important to finish the prep for a successful colonoscopy.