



# Carolina Digestive Diseases

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### SuTab Colonoscopy Prep

To obtain the best possible exam, your colon must be free of stool. You have been given a prescription for SuTab and the instructions for taking this are located below. You will need to start a **clear liquid diet** at breakfast on the day **before** your procedure and continue clear liquids only until midnight the night before your procedure:

No red or orange colors!

Water  
Jell-O

Tea  
Ginger Ale

Coffee (no creamer)  
Any soft drinks

Broth/Bouillon  
Popsicles

Gatorade  
Fruit Ice

\*\*\*You may need to stop any blood thinners or Coumadin 3-5 days prior to your procedure. Please call our office if you have any questions or concerns about this\*\*\*

### **Absolutely NO SOLID FOODS on the day before your procedure!**

Date to Start Prep \_\_\_\_\_  
Dosing Regimen

**Begin Steps 1-4 at 4 PM the day  
before your procedure as shown below:**

**Repeat Steps 1-4 at 8 PM the day  
before your procedure as shown below:**

1. Open one bottle of 12 tablets (*you will use the second bottle at the next dosing at 8p*)
  2. Fill the provided container with 16 oz. of water (to the fill line). Swallow one tablet every 5 minutes with a sip of water and ingest all 12 tablets over a hour period. **DO NOT RUSH INTAKE!**
  3. Approximately one hour after the last tablet is ingested, fill the provided container a second time with 16 oz. of water (to the fill line) and drink the entire amount over 30 minutes.
  4. Approximately 30 minutes after finishing the second container of water, fill the provided container again with 16 oz. of water (to the fill line) and drink the entire amount over 30 minutes.
- \*You should now have completed taking all 12 tablets with one 16 oz cup of water, and an additional 2 cups of water, 16 oz each\**

If patients experience preparation-related symptoms (e.g., nausea, bloating, cramping), pause or slow the rate of drinking the additional water until symptoms diminish.

Do not have any more liquids after midnight unless you need a sip of water with medications on the morning of your procedure

\*\*\*\*\***Nothing by mouth after midnight!**\*\*\*\*\*

You may take blood pressure or heart medicine with a small sip of water. Any other medications should be taken after the procedure has been done.

**You will need a driver on the day of the procedure!!**

**Appointment Date:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Arrive at our office at** \_\_\_\_\_

Your procedure is scheduled to begin between \_\_\_\_\_

**\*\*\*A \$250 fee is applied for any cancellations, reschedules or no shows made  
within 48 BUSINESS hours of appointment time \*\*\***

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## **FAQ Regarding your Colon Prep**

### **What are the side effects of the colonoscopy prep?**

You will have a lot of diarrhea from the bowel prep, so plan to be home, and near a toilet. Keep some magazines or a book on hand in the bathroom. Don't try to leave your house during the prep. Most people have bloating and abdominal discomfort. This is normal! Don't be alarmed if you feel these symptoms. Many people also have nausea. This is also normal! Some people don't like the taste or smell of the medicine. Please don't let this get in the way of taking the prep as directed.

### **My bottom is sore. How can I get some relief?**

You may consider 'pre-treating' your bottom with Preparation H, Desitin, A&D Ointment or Vaseline, to lessen the irritation during the many bathroom trips you will be making. Also gently pat your bottom with soft tissue paper or an unscented baby wipe while cleaning versus wiping the area clean. You may also use a wet washcloth. Apply Preparation H, Desitin, A&D Ointment or Vaseline after each bowel movement for relief.

### **I see yellow color in the toilet bowl and a few flecks...what should I do?**

If you completed your prep solution and your last bowel movements were clear enough to see the bottom of the toilet, you are all set for your procedure. A few flecks of material will not affect your procedure. The yellow color is bile that normally colors feces.

### **I can't ingest all the prep...I feel like vomiting...what should I do?**

It's important that you continue to drink the mixture if possible. Without a clean bowel, your doctor may not be able to see a clear image of your colon. Failure to consume the entire prep mixture may result in having to repeat the procedure another day. (And repeat the prep). If you are feeling nauseous or you vomit, take a 30-minute break. Try drinking ginger ale or another clear liquid to help settle your stomach. Then begin drinking the solution again. Try drinking 4-6 ounces at a time rather than the recommended 6-8 ounces. Take a slower pace. Continue to drink every 30 minutes instead of every 15 minutes. If you have a serious medical issue, please contact your physician at 252-758-8181, dial 911, or go to your nearest emergency room immediately. If you are unable to finish your prep, please call your physician's office.

### **If my stool is watery and clear, do I still have to drink the entire prep solution?**

It is imperative that you follow all your doctor's instructions and make every effort to complete all of the prep solution. Although uncomfortable, drinking the entire solution will aid in cleaning your colon and purging all waste material for a thorough colonoscopy. Failure to complete the entire prep solution could result in a colon that is not clean enough, which increases the chances that something could be missed during your procedure. In addition, if your colon is not clear enough, you may have to repeat your colonoscopy procedure another day and repeat the preparation process.