

HalfLyte Preparation for a Colonoscopy

COLONOSCOPY:

In order to achieve an accurate evaluation of your lower gastrointestinal (GI) tract, it is important that you properly prepare for the procedure. Doctors are able to obtain the clearest view of the bowel when it is flushed completely free of waste material. The thoroughness of this intestinal cleaning depends on you. Without your cooperation, the examination cannot accomplish its purpose and may have to be repeated.

Five (5) Days Before Procedure:

- DO NOT DRINK ALCOHOL FOR (5) DAYS PRIOR TO YOUR PROCEDURE.
- DO NOT take any aspirin or ibuprofen products. Tylenol (acetaminophen) is allowed.
- Stop taking anticoagulants or blood thinners such as: Coumadin, Naprosyn, Nuprin, Persantine, Plavix, Relafen, Rufen.

Day Before Procedure:

- You will need to follow a clear liquid/high sodium diet throughout the day. Items include: clear juices without pulp, clear soda, chicken or beef broth, popsicles, Jell-O, tea, coffee, etc. If you are diabetic, drink regular (non-diet) liquids in moderation throughout the day.
- Avoid dark colored liquids, dairy and orange juice products.
- At 12:00 PM (Noon) take the 1 Bisacodyl tablets enclosed in your kit. Mix the HalfLyte® solution according to the directions on the box and refrigerate.
- At 6:00 PM Begin drinking 8 oz of the solution every 10 to 15 minutes until finished.
- You may continue to have clear liquids until bedtime.
- DO NOT EAT OR DRINK ANYTHING **AFTER MIDNIGHT**.

Day of Procedure:

- Take any currently prescribed heart or blood pressure medications with a sip of water.
- If you are diabetic, you can take your medications the day before the procedure. If you are insulin dependent, you can take a 1/2 a half dose the evening before the procedure. **DO NOT** take medications the day of the procedure.
- You may have clear liquids until 7:30 AM **ONLY IF YOUR PROCEDURE IS SCHEDULED AFTER 1:30 PM**.
- Plan on being at the facility for approximately 2 hours.
- A driver must accompany you to drive you home after your procedure. You will be sedated for your colonoscopy and will be drowsy for several hours after the procedure. You may not drive or work for 12 hours after the procedure.
- YOU WILL **NOT** BE ALLOWED TO DRIVE OR TAKE A CAB.

Procedure Date: _____ Check-In Time: _____

Location: _____ **TEXAS HEALTH HARRIS METHODIST H.E.B. HOSPITAL**
1600 Hospital Pkwy Bedford, TX 76022
(Go to the Admissions Desk in the Main Lobby)

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