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COLONOSCOPY

*****Please be advised that a minimum of 48 hours' notice must be given prior to the cancellation of any procedure in order to avoid a cancellation fee which is not covered by your insurance company. A time slot for you once you make your appointment and an anesthesia provider is scheduled to come to the office specially to administer your sedation. The notice we request allows appropriate and timely rescheduling of this staff when necessary. Our primary concern is efficient and cost effective care for all of our patients. Thank you for your cooperation in assigning us to meet this goal.**

Colonoscopy is a procedure used for examination of the colon or large intestine. The instrument used is a flexible tube with a lens and light guide system at the distal tip which permits video visualizing of the lining or inner wall of the colon. The hollow channel within the instrument allows for the easy passage of biopsy forceps, polyp removal devices, and other accessories that may be required in order to perform minor interventions during your examination. Medication is given into the vein by the anesthesia provider in order to make you comfortable. Any known drug allergies or prior bad reactions to medication should be reported before your procedure begins.

The procedure lasts approximately one hour (total time) and is chiefly dependent upon technical difficulty and what types of interventions need to be done (such as biopsies or polyp removals), additional time to recover from sedation may add an additional 20-30 minutes.

Many patients have no recollection of the procedure due to sedation. Verbal discharge instructions will be given prior to the administration of this sedation and written instructions which will be given upon leaving the office. **It is imperative that you don't engage in any potential hazardous activity for 24 hours, including driving an automobile. YOU MUST HAVE SOMEONE TO DRIVE YOU HOME.** Your physician will discuss the findings of your colonoscopy, preferably in the company of your escort, when you are fully awake.

RISKS

NO procedure can guarantee 100% diagnostic accuracy and all involve some risk. Serious complications are rare and consist of tearing, injuring, or perforating (putting a hole) in the wall of colon/bleeding/infection/having a bad reaction to sedation.

More commonly, a sensation of bloating or cramping may be experienced initially after the procedure. This sensation should resolve quickly once any retained air is passed and you should feel well upon leaving the office. After discharge, **please contact immediately if you experience abdominal pain, elevated temperature, or more than a tablespoon of rectal bleeding. Report to the nearest emergency room for evaluation if you are unable to contact us for any reason.**

If you have any questions about your procedure, please call the office. Our staff will be happy to assist you.

YOUR COLONOSCOPY PREP INSTRUCTIONS BEGIN ON THE NEXT PAGE

Thank you for choosing Westchester Putnam Gastroenterology for your colonoscopy.

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TWO DOSE CITRATE OF MAGNESIA PREP FOR COLONOSCOPY

MEDICATIONS:

- **STOP** taking any iron supplements one week prior to your procedure
- **STOP** taking **ONLY** the following medications **three days before your procedure:**
Blood-thinning medications: Aggrenox, Coumadin, Persantine, Plavix, Pradaxa, Ginkoba
- For procedure scheduled before noon, take your morning medications after the examination is completed.
- For procedures scheduled for the afternoon, you may take your morning medications before 8 AM
- **DO NOT** take diabetic medication the morning of the procedure.
- Asthmatics should bring any inhalers with them to the office.
- Please **DO NOT** smoke the morning of the procedure.

Purchase two bottles of Citrate of Magnesia (NOT red, cherry-flavored) and Dulcolax Laxative tablets from the pharmacy.

DAY BEFORE THE PROCEDURE:

- **DO NOT** EAT ANY SOLID FOODS ALL DAY! Drink only clear liquids from the list provided.
- **DO NOT** drink **ONLY** dietetic liquids, even if you are diabetic. It is helpful to drink plenty of clear liquids in order to help the laxative clean out your colon more effectively.

EVENING PRIOR TO PROCEDURE: BETWEEN 4 P.M. AND 6 P.M. (The earlier in this range is preferred)

- **Take two (2) Dulcolax tablets a half hour prior to the first dose of the prep**
- Drink one full bottle of Citrate of Magnesia. Follow this with at least (4) eight ounce glasses of a clear liquid during the evening hours.
- If you do not begin to move your bowels by 10 p.m, call the service to speak with the on-call physician to get further instructions.

☺ **TIP: Refrigerating the solution, adding a small amount of crystal light powder, and/or drinking through a straw may make it more palatable.**

MORNING OF THE PROCEDURE: (FOUR HOURS BEFORE YOUR PROCEDURE TIME)

- **Take two (2) Dulcolax tablets a half hour later by one full bottle of Citrate of Magnesia.** Follow this bottle with at least one 16 ounce glass of clear liquid.
- **You must finish these 3 full hours before your scheduled procedure time.**
 - **Important Note:** The final outcome of the prep should produce stools that are liquid and either clear like water **OR** yellowish in color.

YOU MUST FINISH DRINKING ANY FLUIDS, INCLUDING THE LAXATIVE, THREE FULL HOURS BEFORE YOUR SCHEDULED PROCEDURE TIME (not even a sip of water is allowed). IF NOT, YOUR PROCEDURE MAY BE CANCELLED.

Please do NOT smoke the morning of the procedure.

CLEAR LIQUID LIST
NO RED OR PURPLE DRINKS, POPS, OR JELLO PLEASE !!!!

CLEAR SODAS (ginger ale, 7UP, cola, seltzer, sprite)

CLEAR JUICES WITHOUT PULP (apple, white grape, white cranberry)

CLEAR SOFT DRINKS (clear sports drink such as Gatorade, kool-Aid, crystal light)

ICE POPS

JELLO

CLEAR BROTHS OR CLEAR BOULLIONS

ICED TEA

HOT TEA OR BLACK COFFEE (no milk or cream)

WATER

HARD CLEAR CANDY