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COLONOSCOPY

*****Please be advised that a minimum of 48 hours' notice must be given prior to the cancelation 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 not 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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FLEXIBLE SIGMOIDOSCOPY

Preparation

- Purchase **three (3)** Fleet enemas and **one (1)** bottle of Citrate of Magnesia.
- The evening before the procedure (approximately 6 p.m.) drink the whole bottle of Citrate of Magnesia
- DO NOT HAVE ANYTHING TO EAT FOR EIGHT HOURS PRIOR TO YOUR EXAMINATION.
- You may have clear liquid from the list up to three hours before your procedure time.
- The day of your procedure, approximately 3 hours before your appointment time, administer the **first** Fleet enema. Follow with **second** fleet enema 30 minutes later.
- It is important that the returns are clear. If they are not clear, then the lower colon is not adequately clean. A **third** enema will then be necessary just before coming to your procedure.
- DO NOT take the third enema if the returns are clear. Usually two enemas will be sufficient.
- After the procedure you will be able to return to your usual activities.

VERY IMPORTANT: NO FLUIDS OF ANY KIND (EVEN WATER OR LAXATIVE) 3 FULL HOURS BEFORE YOUR PROCEDURE TIME

Please bring your insurance card and driver's license the day of your procedure.

If you have any questions or concerns, please call the office.

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