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GOLYTELY AND BISACODYL- COLONOSCOPY PREPARATION

The doctor has requested that you undergo an examination to visualize your entire colon.

Your colonoscopy is scheduled on

Please Check In at: _____

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Ventura Endoscopy Center (VEC)-5810 Ralston St. Suite 101, Ventura, CA 93003

Community Memorial Hospital (CMH) - 147 N. Brent St. Ventura, CA 93003 (Mountain Tower)

Ventura County Medical Center (VCMC) - 300 Hillmont Ave. Ventura, CA 93003 (1 st Floor)

BLOOD PRESSURE MEDICATION MUST BE CONTINUED

 ${\tt SEVEN(7)\,DAYS\,PRIOR\,TO\,THE\,PROCEDURE\,\,BLOOD\,THINNERS(e.g.\,PLAVIX,\,COUMADIN,\,WARFARIN\,)}$

GLP-Antagonists used for weight loss and/or diabetes may need to be stopped prior to your procedure. See the attached sheet for more information on what medications qualify as a GLP- Antagonists and a timeline of when to stop your medication.

* AVOID SEEDS, NUTS AND CORN 2 DAYS PRIOR TO YOUR PROCEDURE*

UNLESS OTHERWISE STATED BY YOUR DOCTOR

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Preparation for Procedure The prescription was sent out electronically to your pharmacy. Pick up in the next 2-3 day from today.



Please pick-up Golytely at your pharmacy.

Purchase over-the-counter one package of Bisacodyl (name brand: Dulcolax)

5mg laxative (package or 4 tablets)

Examples of clear liquids: NOTHING RED

- Water
- Coffee and tea (no cream, milk or dairy)
- Light-colored or clear juices
- Sports drinks
- Chicken, beef, or vegetable broth
- Clear sodas
- Dye-free Jello and gelatin

Your prep is one of the most important parts of your colonoscopy.
Without a good prepyour bowel empty and clean-your gastroenterologist will not be able to see your colon clearly. This could lead to missing a polyp or rescheduling your colonoscopy.

DAY BEFORE PROCEDURE: (Part 1)

- The day before the procedure you are allowed clear liquids. NO SOLID FOODS THE ENTIRE DAY BEFORE.
- 2. At 4:30pm take *2 Bisacodyl (Dulcolax) laxative
- 3. At 5:30pm fill your one gallon (4 liters) Golytely bottle with water and drink¾ of the gallon over the next 4 hours. Save the last liter in the refrigerator for your morning dose. (Golytely will taste better cold)
- 4. CONTINUE WITH NO SOLID FOODS. Drink plenty of fluids. We recommend that you drink 2 glasses of clear liquids every hour until you retire. If you are not diabetic, we recommend Gatorade. (not red)

THE DAY OF THE PROCEDURE: (Part 2) NO SOLID FOODS

- 5. The day of the procedure at 4:00am take *2 Bisacodyl (Dulcolax) tablets.
- 6. At _____ AM/PM, drink the remaining 1 Liter of the Golytely within 30 minutes.
- You may have your medications the morning of your procedure if they cannot wait until after the procedure. You may have small sips of clear liquids 4 hours before the procedure.

No fluids 4 hours before your arrival time.

VERY IMPORTANT-YOU MUST HAVE TRANSPORTATION. AS YOU WILL BE SLIGHTLY SEDATED AND UNABLE TO DRIVE!! NO UBER/LYFT/TAXI/PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION UNLESS ACCOMPANIED BY A RESPONSIBLE ADULT (18YRS).

YOU WILL BE THERE FOR APPROXIMATELY 2 1/2 HRS FROM YOUR CHECK IN TIME

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During the Procedure

You will change into a hospital gown and be given medication intravenously to make you sleepy. When relaxed properly, the colon scope tube will be placed into the rectum and maneuvered through the lower bowel. You may feel some bloating and occasional cramping during the procedure, but all efforts will be made to minimize discomfort. If there are any questions of abnormality, a biopsy (thin piece of tissue) will be taken for microscopic examination. If a polyp (mushroom-like growth) is identified, this will be removed and sent to Pathology for further examination.

After the Procedure

As soon as the scope is removed, you may feel the need to pass gas from the rectum. This is entirely normal, as considerable amounts of air have been trapped in the bowel during the examination. There is often bloating and cramping for an hour or two after the test until the gas has passed. It is very important that you make arrangements to have someone bring you to the Center /Hospital and take you home. Some people are very sleepy and confused after the exam and forget instructions or findings given by the doctor. If you are unsure about any information given to you, please call the office for a brief follow-up appointment or leave a number where the doctor can return your call.

If biopsies are taken, we usually call patients within 2 weeks with the results. If you do not hear from us, please call our office 641-6525 at least 2 weeks after the procedure for the results.

PLEASE NOTE: If a biopsy is taken, you will be billed separately by the hospital or laboratory.

Thank You!

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