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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. Ventura, CA 93003 (Admitting)

BLOOD PRESSURE MEDICATION MUST BE CONTINUED

SEVEN (7) DAYS PRIOR TO THE PROCEDURE STOP TAKING BLOOD THINNERS (e.g. PLAVIX, COUMADIN, WARFARIN or FISH OIL)

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.

UNLESS OTHERWISE STATED BY YOUR DOCTOR

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

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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.

THERE WILL BE
INSTRUCTIONS ON
THE PREP'S BOX.
DO NOT USE THEM.

Examples of clear liquids besides water: NOTHING RED

- 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):

- 1. The day before the procedure, you are allowed clear liquids.
- 2. At <u>5:00 p.m</u>. Open 1 bottle of 12 tablets. Fill the provided container with 16 oz. of water (up to the fill line). Swallow each tablet with a sip of water, and drink the entire amount of water over 15 to 20 minutes.
- 3. Approximately 1 hour after the last tablet is ingested, fill the provided container again w 16 oz. and drink the entire amount over 30 min.
- 4. Approximately 30 min after finishing the second container of water, fill the provided container again w 16 oz. and drink the entire amount over 30 min.

THE DAY OF THE PROCEDURE: (5 hours prior to the colonoscopy)

- 5. The day of the procedure, at _____ a.m. /p.m. (No sooner than 4 hours from starting dose 1) open a second bottle of 12 tablets.
- 6. Repeat Step 1 to Step 4 from dose 1.
- 7. You may have your medications the morning of your procedure if they cannot wait until after 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 ½ 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 colonoscopy 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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