

Colonoscopy – Two Day Prep Instructions

- Your appointment is on: _____
- Check in time: _____
- You are scheduled to have your test done at:

North Kansas City Hospital
Health Services Pavilion, 7th Floor GI Lab
2790 Clay Edwards Drive
Kansas City, MO 64116

Briarcliff Surgery Center
4150 N. Mulberry Drive
Suite 100
Kansas City, MO 64116

What is the test?

You will be having a testing called a colonoscopy. During this test, the doctor will be examining your colon with a special instrument called an endoscope. This instrument is a long, flexible tube, similar to a telescope, which allows the doctor to see the inside of your colon. If necessary, a tissue sample (biopsy), or removal of a growth (polyp), may be done. You will not feel this.

This procedure takes 30-45 minutes. However, you should plan to be in the GI Lab for 2 ½ - 3 hours (from your time of arrival until you are ready to leave).

How should I get ready?

You will need to clean out your bowel for this test. To prepare yourself, follow the instructions below.

First you will need to pick up your prescription for **Colyte/Golytely and Potassium** at your pharmacy, which will aid you in cleaning out your bowels.

You will need to pick up the following:

- 10 fl oz. Magnesium Citrate Oral Solution (*no color/flavor restrictions*)
 - One (1) small box of Dicolax Laxative Tablets
1. **Two (2) days before the exam:** Eat only clear liquids for breakfast, lunch, and dinner. **NO SOLID FOODS.** Clear liquids include, chicken or beef broth, Jell-O, soft drinks, tea, clear fruit juice, popsicles, and water.
 - At **8am**, take four (4) Dicolax Tablets with 8 oz. of water.
 - At **6pm**, drink 10 fl oz. of Magnesium Citrate Oral Solution.
 2. **The day before the exam:** Continue on a clear liquid diet. Prepare the solution by adding water according to the directions on the container.
 - At **9am**, take your prescribed 40 mEq Potassium with 8 oz. of water.
 - Starting at **5pm** the evening before the colonoscopy, begin drinking the Colyte/Golytely solution.
 - Drink 8 oz. every fifteen (15) minutes until the solution is gone. If you begin to feel nauseated, please stop for 30 minutes, then resume. **Do not eat or drink anything after midnight.**

What should I know?

This will aid in flushing your bowels; therefore, we ask that you remain near a bathroom for the remainder of the evening. You will notice that your stool will gradually become lighter in color and then green or clear.

If you develop severe pain or bright red bleeding from the rectum or develop excessive bloating with no bowel movements, stop and call our office at (816) 527-0031.

What else should I know?

1. **If you have diabetes**, do not take your usual dose of Insulin or oral diabetes medication on the day of the exam. Please check with your Primary Care Physician to discuss medication intake, as your food intake will be lower than usual. This will help to avoid any episodes of low blood sugar during the prep or procedure. **Do not take Metformin the day of the procedure.**
2. **Medications:** If you are taking any of the following medications, **you will need to be off these medications for five (5) days before the exam.** Please check with your Primary Care Physician for instructions, and to determine if you are able to discontinue these medications.
 - Aspirin, ibuprofen, arthritis medications or non-steroidal medications (such as Advil, Aleve, Motrin, Celebrex, Naproxen, or Bextra)
 - Coumadin, Warfarin, Plavix, or other blood thinners
 - Iron pills, herbal medicines or supplements
3. **Blood pressure, heart, asthma, or seizure medications** may be taken with a small sip of water at least **three (3) hours** prior to your procedure.
4. **Bring a list of your medications**, including the strengths, doses, and when you take them.
5. Please arrange for a friend or family member to accompany you to your procedure. **YOU WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO DRIVE FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE DAY.**

If you cannot keep your appointment, please call at least 72 hours (3 business days) in advance. Call (816) 527-0031 to cancel or reschedule. Failure to notify may result in a charge of \$150.00, and will be required to be paid before your procedure can be rescheduled.

On the day of the test:

Plan to arrive **15 MINUTES** before your scheduled check in time. **Please bring:** your list of medications, insurance cards, picture ID, and any medications you may need to take (after the colonoscopy).

Test Results

You may have biopsies taken or polyps removed during the test. These are sent to a laboratory to be processed and examined under a microscope. We will call you with your results. Please allow two (2) weeks for the results to become available.

Questions?

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call us at (816) 527-0031.