EZ 2 GO (MiraLax/Dulcolax) Bowel Preparation Instructions for COLONOSCOPY

Five days before the procedure
- No nuts, seeds, or quinoa
- No aspirin, aspirin products, fish oil, or Vitamin E supplements
- If you are taking Aspirin based products, fish oil supplements, or extra Vitamin E, please contact our office for further instructions. If you are currently taking blood thinners such as Xarelto, Eliquis, Lovenox, Coumadin or Plavix, please let your physician know immediately, as you must stop this medication several days prior to the exam to prevent excessive bleeding. You must also clear this with your primary care physician or cardiologist.
- The EZ 2 GO Kit contains:
  - 238 gram (8.3 ounce) bottle of MIRALAX
  - Bisacodyl 4 tablets
- Purchase from your store:
  - 64 ounces of Gatorade, G2, or Powerade (no red, blue, or purple colors)

Two days before the procedure
- Stop your fiber supplements (Kashi bars, high fiber cereals, Metamucil, Konsyl, Benefiber, Citrucel, etc.)

The entire DAY BEFORE the procedure
- **NO SOLID FOODS** – Restrict your diet to clear liquids only.
- **YOU MUST DRINK PLENTY OF CLEAR LIQUIDS THROUGHOUT THE ENTIRE DAY** – it is recommended that you drink a minimum of 32 fluid ounces of clear liquids spread out over the day BEFORE you start your prep. You will be on a clear liquid diet. A clear liquid is any liquid that you can put in a glass and see straight through it. You may have Jello, bouillon, consommé, apple, white grape or cranberry juice, Gatorade, black coffee, tea, cola, ginger ale, or water. Anything that melts into a clear liquid (sorbet, Italian ice, ice, lifesavers) is allowed. Milk, cream, anything with pulp, or alcoholic beverages is **NOT** allowed.
- Avoid RED, blue or purple beverages.

The DAY BEFORE the procedure
- 3 pm: Take 2 Dulcolax Laxative pills with a glass of clear liquid
- 6 pm: Mix one 238 gram bottle of MiraLax in 64 ounces of Gatorade or Powerade (no red or purple colors)
  - Stir 3 minutes to dissolve the powder completely. You may use ice to chill the solution once it is dissolved. Drink an 8 ounce glass every 20 minutes until finished. You should finish the entire 64 ounces of solution over the next 3 to 4 hours.
- 10 pm: Take 2 more Dulcolax with another glass of water
- Afterwards, you may then drink all the clear liquids you like until midnight to avoid dehydration and to clean out the colon.
- Do not eat or drink anything after midnight other than the G2 Gatorade THREE hours prior to your COLONOSCOPY time.

MORNING OF PROCEDURE:
- You are to STOP DRINKING three hours prior to your arrival time. Please do NOT chew gum.
- Patients taking daily medications may take their regular morning dosages with a very small sip of water.
- If your stools are not watery and transparent “see through”, perform one Fleets enema at home to complete cleansing. If your colon is dirty and filled with stool, small polyps may be covered by the stools and you may need to repeat your colonoscopy sooner than usual.
For COLONOSCOPY @ PIEDMONT HOSPITAL
Park in the NORTH parking deck

Take the elevator to the bridge leading to the first floor on the main hospital level

- **COLONOSCOPY** – arrive at least 1 hour prior
  - 77 Collier Road, 1st floor 77 Bldg GI LAB
    (404)605-3462.
  - Report to the GI LAB.
  - The entire length of time you will spend for colonoscopy will be approximately 2.5 hours for registration, check-in, and the procedure.
  - Female patients of childbearing age (50 and under) should be prepared to give a urine specimen on arrival for pregnancy testing.

After the procedure

- You must have someone responsible drive you home after colonoscopy & ambulatory surgery - these are hospital rules because you will be given a sedative for the procedure. Your procedure will be cancelled, rescheduled or performed without sedation if you do not have a responsible escort home.
- You should plan to rest quietly for the remainder of the day. You may resume normal activity the next morning.
- You should not drive or make legal decisions for the remainder of the day.
- Biopsy/pathology reports take about 3-4 business days to get from the laboratory. Please allow this much time before contacting our office for your results.
- If you have any questions, please contact our office prior to your exam.

What should I bring with me?

- A list of your current medications with dosages
- Driver’s license or government issued photo ID (as identification) and all insurance cards
- Eyeglasses if you wear them since you will be asked to sign legal documents
- Any forms your doctor has asked you to bring with you on the day of surgery
- Do NOT bring any valuables (money, jewelry, watch, etc.) with you. We cannot be responsible for valuables

Be sure to visit our website [www.atlcrs.com](http://www.atlcrs.com) to check our Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) section.