

## Colonoscopy Procedures SuTab® Two Day Bowel Prep Step-by-Step Instructions

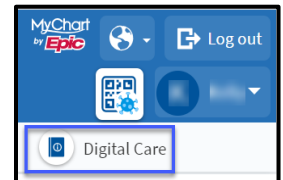
Thank you for choosing Duke Health for your healthcare needs. Your provider ordered a colonoscopy for you. A link to your procedure information is available at My Duke Health. Please review your procedure information and watch the prep videos to prepare for your colonoscopy. You must complete a bowel preparation (prep) for your colonoscopy. Your provider selected your colonoscopy prep based on your health history. A bowel prep removes the stool from your colon. Your prep is SuTab® tablet Two Day Bowel Prep.

### What is a Colonoscopy?

A colonoscopy is a procedure to screen for colon cancer or check GI symptoms. During a colonoscopy, your doctor will insert a thin, flexible tube with a camera into your rectum. The doctor will look inside your colon to check on the health of your colon. A clean colon allows your doctor to see the colon lining. You will receive IV sedation to help you sleep and stay comfortable during your colonoscopy. If you have questions about your prep, procedure, or appointment, call Duke GI at (919) 684-6437.

### Planning for Your Colonoscopy - Two (2) weeks before your procedures

- Log into My Duke Health to review your colonoscopy information. Select Digital Care for the link to the printed information and videos.
- Read your instructions and watch the two videos.
- For this procedure, you will complete a bowel prep. Follow these step-by-step instructions.
- Pick up your prep from your pharmacy. Purchase your prep supplies and clear liquid diet items.
- Find a family member or friend who can drive you to your procedure, **stay with you**, and drive you home. Your driver needs to stay in the endoscopy department during your procedure. Your driver must be an adult over 18 with a valid driver's license. You cannot go home in a taxi, bus, or ride-share.
- Review your procedure location (address), date, and arrival time.
- Plan to be in the GI department for about four (4) hours for your procedures.
- Since you will receive IV sedation for your procedure, you cannot drive or work 24 hours after sedation.
- Print these instructions and place them in a safe place, like on your refrigerator.



### Colonoscopy Overview and Step-by-Step Prep Video Links

Open YouTube and enter *Duke GI Colonoscopy SuTab Prep* in the search field.  
<https://youtu.be/C0MOMdilxNI> and <https://youtu.be/FBi3GkvcyEA>

### Shopping List - Prep Items

Your colonoscopy prep is SuTab® one-day bowel prep. SuTab is a prescription prep. You will need to pick up your prep at your preferred pharmacy. You can purchase your prep supplies at a pharmacy or grocery store.

- TWO (2) SuTab Kit (the kit has two bottles of 12 prep tablets and a plastic cup)
- Four (4) non-coated Simethicone tablets. Dose 125 mg (Brand name Gas-X®)
- Two (2) Bisacodyl tablet (Brand name Dulcolax®)
- Assorted clear liquids to drink the day before and the day of your procedure. Review the clear fluid list on page 4. **\*\*Do not buy Red or Purple fluids.\*\***



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### TWO (2) WEEKS Before Your Procedure

- If you have diabetes, talk to your provider about your diabetes medicine.
- If you take medicine that thins your blood, ask your provider if you need to hold your medicine. (Examples Coumadin, Pradaxa, Eliquis, Xarelto, Plavix, Effient, or Brilinta).



### SEVEN (7) DAYS Before Your Procedure

- Stop taking iron pills and multivitamins with iron.
- Drink one (1) extra glass of water every day until your procedure day.

### FIVE (5) DAYS Before Your Procedure

- Stop eating high fiber foods like beans, raw fruits or vegetables, nuts, or seeds. Review the low-fiber diet list on page 4.
- Stop taking Fish Oil supplements.
- Continue to drink one (1) extra glass of water daily.



### THREE (3) DAYS Before Your Procedure

- Continue the low fiber diet. Stop taking fiber supplements like Metamucil®, Citrucel®, and Fiberall®.
- At 8:00 a.m., take two (2) Dulcolax tablets with a glass of water. Drink one extra glass of water.

### TWO (2) DAY Before Your Procedure

- Do not eat any solid food today. Drink only clear liquids and take the prep tablets.
- At 5:00 p.m., open the SuTab kit and take out one bottle of tablets and the plastic cup.
- Open (1) one bottle of SUTAB tablets. Fill the provided container with 16 ounces of water (up to the fill line). Swallow each tablet (12) with a sip of water, and drink the entire cup of fluid over 15 minutes.
- Drink two more cups of clear fluids over the next hour (16 ounces each).
- Clean the cup. You will use it in the morning.
- Continue to drink clear fluids all day. Drink at least **one** 8-ounce glass of clear fluid **every hour** until bed. You should drink at least FIVE (5) glasses of water or sports drink before bed.
- Stay near a bathroom. In a few hours, you will begin to have many bowel movements.
- Continue to drink clear fluids until you go to bed.

### ONE (1) DAY Before Your Procedure – When you Wake Up

- Do not eat any solid food today. Drink only clear liquids and take the prep tablets.
- At 8:00 a.m., open the first SuTab kit and take out the second bottle of tablets.
- Open (1) one bottle of SUTAB tablets. Fill the provided container with 16 ounces of water (up to the fill line). Swallow each tablet (12) with a sip of water, and drink the entire cup of fluid over 15 minutes.
- Drink two more cups of clear fluids over the next hour (16 ounces each).
- Continue to drink clear fluids all day. Drink at least **one** 8-ounce glass of clear fluid **every hour** until bed. You should drink at least FIVE (5) glasses of water or sports drink before bed.
- At 5:00 pm open the third bottle of tablets. Swallow each tablet (12) with a sip of water, and drink the entire cup of fluid over 15 minutes. Drink two more cups of clear fluids over the next hour.
- At 6:00 p.m., take two (2) simethicone tablets with a glass of water.
- Continue to drink clear fluids until you go to bed.

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### The Day of Your Procedure – When You Wake Up

- Do not eat any solid food today. Drink only water and take the prep tablets.
- Five (5) hours before your scheduled procedure, open the second SuTab bottle.
- Fill the provided container with 16 ounces of water (up to the fill line). Swallow each tablet (12) with a sip of water, and drink the entire cup of water over 15 minutes.
- Drink two more cups of water over the next hour (16 ounces each).
- Follow your provider's instructions about your morning medicines and take them with a sip of water.
- Four (4) hours before your procedure, take two (2) Simethicone tablets with a glass of water. Then STOP drinking ALL fluids.
- Two (2) hours before your procedure, your bowel movements should look like green or yellow water. If you still have brown or solid stool, call Duke GI at (919) 684-6437 and ask to speak to a nurse.



### Preparation Information and Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

If you have a **Pacemaker or Internal Defibrillator**: Bring your device information card to your anesthesia and colonoscopy appointment. Give the device card to your nurse when you check in for your procedure.

**If you do not or cannot accept blood products in an emergency**, please call The Duke Center for Blood Conservation at (919) 668-2467 one week before your procedure.

#### **I am a diabetic. Should I take my diabetes medicines when I drink my prep?**

##### **If you take insulin or have an insulin pump:**

Contact your diabetes provider to ask how to adjust your insulin dose as you prep. Check your blood sugar several times the day before and the day of your procedure. Drink clear fluids with protein like chicken, beef, or vegan broth. Buy both low-sugar and no-sugar clear fluids to drink.

#### **I am a diabetic. Should I take my diabetes medicines when I drink my prep?**

##### **If you take pills for diabetes but not insulin:**

Do not take your diabetes medicine on the day of your procedure unless your provider tells you to continue this medicine. Check your blood sugar several times the day before and the day of your procedure. Drink clear fluids with protein like chicken, beef, or vegan broth. Buy both low-sugar and no-sugar clear fluids to drink.

#### **How do I know if my colon is clean for my procedure?**

Your colon will be clean if you follow each step in the prep. You are ready for your colonoscopy if you can see through your bowel movement and there is no solid matter. Your stool should look like yellow or green water.

#### **The laxative tablets makes me vomit or nauseous. How do I complete my prep?**

Stop drinking fluids for 30 minutes if you are nauseated or vomit. Chew gum, suck on hard candies, and drink other flavored clear liquids. Drink ginger tea, ginger-ale soda, or broth. Take all the prep tablets even if it takes you longer. If you continue to vomit or cannot finish the tablets, call Duke GI and ask to speak to a nurse.

**What are examples of low-fiber foods?** Review the list of low fiber foods below.

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**What are examples of high-fiber foods?**

High-fiber foods include all fruits, vegetables, nuts, seeds, whole-grain bread, beans, and lentils.

**Can I drink alcohol, wine, or beer during my bowel prep?**

No, Alcohol, wine, and beer are not clear liquids. Do not drink any alcohol during your colonoscopy prep.

**Do I continue my clear liquid diet after I begin taking the prep tablets?**

Yes, continue to drink clear liquids with your prep tablets. The more clear fluids you drink, the better your prep will be. You will feel better if you drink extra fluids. Stop drinking water four (4) hours before your procedure.

**I weigh under 100 pounds. Do I need to take all 24 prep tablets?**

Yes, the prep is not weight-based. Completing the entire prep is important to clean your colon.

**I had a gastric bypass. Do I still need to complete the entire prep?**

Yes, you must complete all steps in the prep so your colon is clean.

**What if I lose my prep information?**

Log into your Duke MYChart and select Digital Care to print your instructions, or call Duke GI for help.

**Clear Liquid Examples**

You can drink any of these fluids (liquids) during your colonoscopy prep.

**All fluid must be light in color and not red or purple.**

- Water
- Tea and black coffee without any milk, cream, flavor, non-dairy, or powdered creamer
- Flavored or coconut water without red or purple color
- Clear, light-colored juices such as apple, white grape, lemonade without pulp, and white cranberry
- Clear broth, including chicken, beef, or vegetable
- Sodas or Seltzer such as Mountain Dew®, Ginger-ale, Sun-drop®, or 7-Up®,
- Sports drinks such as Gatorade Zero®, Hydralyte®, Pedialyte®, Powerade Zero Sugar® or Propel®
- Popsicles without fruit or cream (no red or purple colors)
- Jell-O® or other gelatin without fruit (no red or purple colors)
- Boost® Breeze Tropical Juice drink

<b>Low Fiber Food Examples</b>	<b>Start your low-fiber diet FIVE (5) days before your colonoscopy</b>
Milk and Dairy	Milk, cream, cheese, cottage cheese, yogurt, and protein drinks
Bread and Grains	White rice, white bread, and plain crackers (saltines or Ritz) Low-fiber cereals (Rice Krispies, Cream of Wheat, Cornflakes)
Meats and Protein	Chicken, Turkey, Pork, Veal, Fish, Shellfish, Eggs, and Tofu Smooth Peanut Butter or Almond Butter Chicken, beef, or vegetable broth, consommé, and strained soups
Fruits	Fruit juice without pulp, Applesauce Cantaloupe and honeydew melon Peeled Apricots and peaches Canned or cooked fruit without seeds or skin
Vegetables Canned or Cooked	Peeled carrots, Mushrooms Peeled potatoes
Desserts without fruit	Plain Custard, pudding, ice cream, sherbet, or gelatin