

Thank you for choosing Duke Health for your healthcare needs. Your provider ordered a lower GI procedure for you. Please review the procedure information and watch the prep videos to prepare for it. You must complete a bowel preparation (prep) for this procedure. A bowel prep removes stool from your colon. Your provider selected your bowel prep based on your health history. Your prep is GoLytely® Extended Bowel Prep. If you have questions about your procedure, appointment, or prep, please call Duke Gastroenterology at (919) 684-6437.

Planning for Your Procedure

TWO (2) WEEKS Before Your Procedure

- □ Log into your My Duke Health account and review your procedure prep information. Select the Digital Care button to review and print the information.
- Sign up for the Care Convoy® mobile health app. This app is designed specifically for Duke GI patients. It is a tool that will guide you through each step of your prep. You can access the app from Google Play or the Apple Store using the QR code below. You will also get an email invitation from Care Convoy® with download instructions. The app will support you through your prep and allow you to confirm your procedure appointment. Care Convoy will ensure you are well-prepared and at ease for your procedure.





Care Convoy QR Code

Ask a family member or friend to 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.
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- □ Since you will receive IV sedation for your procedure, you cannot drive or work for the rest of the day.
- □ Put your procedure instructions in a safe place, like on your refrigerator.
- ☐ If you have diabetes, contact your diabetes provider to ask how to adjust your medicine or insulin during your bowel prep.
- If you take medicine that thins your blood, ask your provider if and how long you need to hold your medicine. (Examples Coumadin, Pradaxa, Eliquis, Xarelto, Plavix, Effient, or Brilinta).

Lower GI Procedure using GoLytely® Two-Day (extended) Prep Video Links

Open YouTube and search *Duke GI Colonoscopy Two Day Golytely Prep* in the search field or select each link to watch the videos: https://youtu.be/COMOMdilxNI and https://youtu.be/COMOMdilxNI and https://youtu.be/COMOMdilxNI and https://youtu.be/COMOMdilxNI and https://youtu.be/2txKfTdGXAs

Shopping List - Prep Items

Your GI Procedure prep is GoLytely® extended bowel prep. This is a prescription prep. You will need to pick up your prep at your preferred pharmacy. You can purchase your prep supplies at any pharmacy or grocery store.

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	Two (2) bottles of GoLytely® powder (NuLytely, GaviLyte, CoLyte, TriLyte, or GaviLyte)
	Two (2) flavor drink packets (for example, Crystal Light®)
	Four (4) Non-flavored or Peppermint chewable Simethicone soft gels - 125 mg (Gas-X SoftGels®).
	Two (2) Bisacodyl tablets – 5 mg (Brand name Dulcolax®)
	Assorted clear liquids to drink the day before and the day of your procedure. (Examples: Gatorade
	Zero®, Hydralyte®, Pedialyte®, or Powerade Zero Sugar®). Review the list below.
	Do NOT drink fluids that are purple and red.



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SEVEN (7) DAYS Before Your Procedure

- ☐ Stop taking iron pills or any other supplement with iron.
- Drink one (1) extra glass of water daily 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 below.
- Stop taking Fish Oil supplements.
- □ Continue to drink one (1) extra glass of water daily.



TWO (2) DAY Before Your Procedure

- ☐ Stop taking your fiber supplements like Metamucil®, Citrucel®, and Fiberall®.
- ☐ In the morning, open one bottle of GoLytely®. Add cold water to the bottle up to the Fill Line. Add one flavored drink packet to the bottle and shake well.
- □ Place the bottle in the refrigerator.
- ☐ At 12:00 p.m. (noon), take two (2) Bisacodyl tablets 5 mg (Brand name Dulcolax®) with a glass of water.
- ☐ At 5:00 p.m., take the GoLytely bottle out of the refrigerator. Shake the bottle well.
- ☐ Begin drinking the GoLytely prep solution. Using a straw, drink one (1) glass of the solution every ten minutes until the bottle is empty.
- ☐ 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

In the morning, open the second GoLytely bottle. Add cold water to the bottle up to the Fill Line. Add one flavored drink packet to the bottle and shake well.

- ☐ Place the bottle in the refrigerator.
- At 5:00 p.m., take the GoLytely bottle out of the refrigerator. Shake the bottle well.
- □ Begin drinking the GoLytely® prep solution. Using a straw, drink one (1) glass of the solution every 10 minutes until ¼ of the prep solution is left.
- ☐ Put the GoLytely® bottle back in the refrigerator.
- □ At 6:00 p.m., take two (2) Non-flavored or Peppermint chewable Simethicone soft gels -125 mg (Gas-X SoftGels®).
- Stay near a bathroom. In a few hours, you will begin to have many bowel movements.

FILL LINE



The Day of Your Procedure

On your procedure day, do not eat ANY FOOD. Drink only the GoLytely prep solution and clear	
fluids.	
Five (5) hours before your procedure, take the GoLytely bottle out of the refrigerator.	
Shake the bottle well. Using a straw, drink one (1) glass of the solution every 10 minutes until the bottle	
is empty.	
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) Non-flavored or Peppermint chewable Simethicone	
soft gels - 125 mg (Gas-X SoftGels®).	
STOP drinking all fluid four (4) hours before your procedure.	
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.	



□ Do not wear perfume, cologne, lotion, or jewelry for your procedure. Leave all valuables at home.

Follow this list of low-fiber foods to eat FIVE (5) Days before your procedure.

Low Fiber Food Examples	Start your low-fiber diet FIVE (5) days before your procedure
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	Peeled carrots
Canned or Cooked	Mushrooms
	Peeled potatoes
Desserts without fruit	Plain Custard, pudding, ice cream, sherbet, or gelatin



Clear Liquid Fluids to drink during your bowel prep

Clear Fluid Examples

You can drink any of these fluids (liquids) during your bowel 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
- Jell-O® or other gelatin without fruit (no red or purple color)
- Boost® Breeze Tropical Juice drink (no red or purple color)

GoLytely® Extended Bowel Prep Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

If you have a **Pacemaker or Internal Defibrillator**, Bring your device information card to your anesthesia and procedure appointment. When you check in for your procedure, give the device card to your nurse.

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 have diabetes, contact your diabetes provider to ask how to adjust your medicine or insulin during your bowel 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.

Why do I have to complete an extended bowel prep?

Your providers reviewed your medication list, health history, and prep results from your last lower GI procedure. If you have a history of constipation or take a medication that may cause constipation, you will need more prep to clean out your colon. If you had a procedure with at Duke before your GI provider may have noted that you need an extended prep for your next procedure.

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

If you follow each step in the prep, your colon will be clean. You are ready for your procedure 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 solution makes me vomit or nauseous. How do I complete my prep?

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

What are examples of high-fiber foods?

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

What are examples of low-fiber foods?

Review the list of low-fiber foods.



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 bowel prep.

Do I continue my clear liquid diet after I begin drinking the laxative solution?

Yes, continue to drink clear liquids with your prep solution. The more 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 drink all of the prep solution?

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 My Duke Health, select Digital Care to print your instructions, or call Duke GI for help.

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