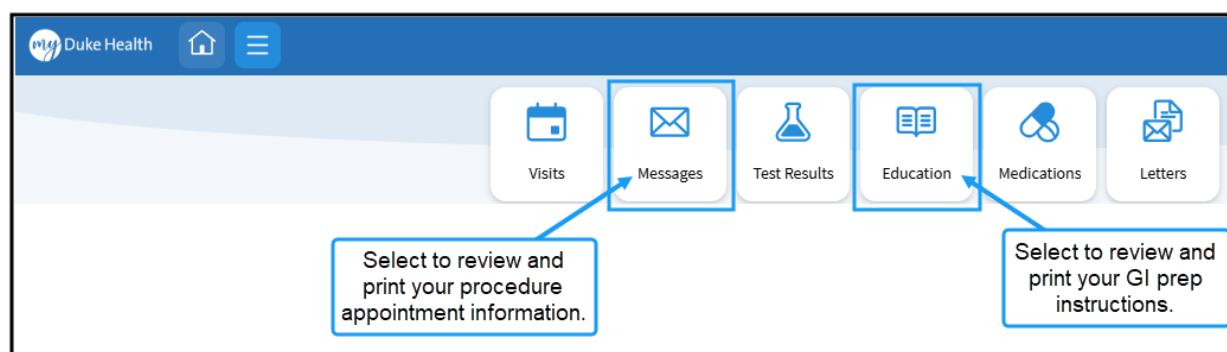


Thank you for choosing Duke Health for your healthcare needs. Your provider ordered a Lower GI procedure for you. Please review the procedure information and watch the prep videos to prepare. You must complete a bowel preparation (prep) for this procedure. A bowel prep removes stool from your colon.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

Planning for Your Procedure – At least TWO (2) WEEKS Before Your Procedure

- **Please plan to keep the entire day open for your procedure, as your arrival time may be updated. If your arrival time is changed, we will call you. The call may come from an unknown number.**
- Log in to your My Duke Health account to review your procedure appointment and preparation details.
- Select the *Messages* icon to review and print your appointment letter. This letter includes your procedure location, date, and arrival time.
- Select the *Education* icon to review and print your GI procedure preparation instructions.
- Put your appointment letter and procedure prep instructions in a safe place, like on your refrigerator. Review the information on confirming your procedure.
- 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.
- For their safety, children are not allowed in the procedure area. Please make childcare arrangements.
- Plan to be in the GI department for about 2 to 4 hours, depending on your scheduled procedure.
- Since you will receive IV sedation for your procedure, you cannot drive or work for the rest of the day.
- If you have diabetes, contact your diabetes provider to ask if you need to adjust your medicine or insulin.
- 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).



Confirmation Process: Confirm your appointment date and time at least two (2) weeks before your procedure.

You can only confirm in any one of the following ways:

- My Duke Health account: Log into your account 14 days before your procedure and follow the steps to confirm your procedure.
- Care Convoy app: Download the app, log in, and select "Confirm Procedure."
- Through the GI team: Reply to the message from the GI team in your My Duke Health account or answer/return our phone call to confirm your procedure.
- Important: If you do not confirm your procedure, it will be canceled.



GI Procedure Support

- Duke GI offers patients free access to the Care Convoy® mobile health app. This app was created for Duke GI patients to support you through your GI procedure.
- Care Convoy® provides step-by-step guidance for your preparation. It helps you understand what to do and when. You can also confirm your procedure appointment in the app.
- Download the app from Google Play or the Apple App Store by using this QR code. You may also receive an email from Care Convoy® with instructions for downloading and using the app.



Lower GI Procedure using SuTab® Standard Prep Video Links

Open YouTube and search Duke GI Colonoscopy SuTab Prep in the search field or select each link to watch the videos: <https://youtu.be/C0MOMdixNI> and <https://youtu.be/FBi3GkvcyEA>

Shopping List - Prep Items

Your GI Procedure prep is the SuTab standard 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.



- ☐ One (1) SuTab Kit (the kit has two bottles of 12 prep tablets and a plastic cup)
- ☐ 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®). ****Do not buy Red or Purple fluids.****

TWO Weeks (14 Days) Before Your Procedure

- ☐ If you feel sick, including having a cough or fever, or if you have recently tested positive for COVID-19, Flu, or RSV, please contact Duke GI to reschedule your procedure.
- ☐ Confirm your endoscopy procedure date, time, and location.
- ☐ If you have diabetes, contact your diabetes provider to ask how to adjust your medicine 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).

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) DAYS Before Your Procedure

- ☐ Stop taking your fiber supplements like Metamucil®, Citrucel®, and Fiberall®.
- ☐ At 6:00 p.m., take two (2) Bisacodyl tablets – 5 mg (Brand name Dulcolax®)

ONE (1) DAY Before Your Procedure

- ☐ Do not eat ANY food today. Drink only clear liquids and take the prep tablets.
- ☐ Stop using any chewing tobacco until after your procedure tomorrow.
- ☐ At 5:00 p.m., open one SuTab kit and take out one bottle of tablets and the plastic cup.
- ☐ Open the bottle of SuTab tablets. Fill the cup with 16 ounces of water (to the fill line). Swallow each tablet with a sip of water and drink the entire cup of water over 15 minutes. You will swallow a total of 12 tablets. (Note: You will take the second bottle of tablets tomorrow.)
- ☐ Drink two more cups of clear fluids over the next hour (16-ounces each).
- ☐ Clean the cup. You will use it in the morning.
- ☐ At 6:00 p.m., take two (2) 125 mg Simethicone tablets (Brand name Gas-X) with a glass of water.
- ☐ Continue to drink clear fluids all day. It is recommended that you drink at least one 8-ounce glass of clear fluid every hour until you go to bed.
- ☐ Stay near a bathroom. In a few hours, you will begin to have many bowel movements.



The Day of Your Procedure

- ☐ Do not eat ANY food today. Drink only clear liquids and take the prep tablets.
- ☐ Do not chew anything, including mints, candy, or gum.
- ☐ **Five (5) hours before your procedure**, open the last bottle of SuTab tablets.
- ☐ Fill the cup with 16 ounces of water (to the fill line). Swallow each tablet with a sip of water and drink the entire cup of water over 15 minutes. You will swallow a total of twelve (12) tablets. Drink two more cups of clear fluid over the next hour (16 ounces each).
- ☐ 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) Non-flavored or Peppermint chewable Simethicone soft gels - 125 mg (Gas-X SoftGels®).
- ☐ **STOP drinking all fluids four (4) hours before your procedure.**
- ☐ Do not use any tobacco or tobacco products, including smokeless tobacco, cigars, pipes, e-cigarettes, or vapes.
- ☐ Do not apply any lotions, perfume, make-up, or hair products.
- ☐ Do not wear contact lenses.
- ☐ Do not wear any jewelry. Leave all valuables at home.
- ☐ Remove ALL facial and body piercings and jewelry before arriving for your procedure. If you cannot remove any piercings or jewelry after arrival, your procedure may be canceled.
- ☐ Bring a government-issued ID and your insurance card(s), and any required co-payment.
- ☐ **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.



Goal after Completing Bowel Prep



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 Canned or Cooked	Peeled carrots Mushrooms Peeled potatoes
Desserts without fruit	Plain Custard, pudding, ice cream, sherbet, or gelatin

Clear Liquid (Fluid) Examples

You can drink any of these fluids (liquids). **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
- Boost® Breeze Tropical Juice drink

SuTab Standard 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 diabetic. Should I take my diabetes medicines when I take my prep tablets?

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.

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 tablets make me vomit or feel nauseous. How do I complete my prep?

Stop taking the tablets for 30 minutes if you are nauseated or vomit. Chew gum, suck on hard candies, and drink other clear, flavored liquids between sips of the prep. Drink ginger tea, ginger-ale soda, or broth. Take the rest of the prep tablets. If you continue to vomit or cannot finish all of the tablets, 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 below.

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 taking the prep tablets?

Yes, continue to drink clear liquids with your prep tablets. 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 take all the 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 take all the prep tablets?

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

What if I lose my prep information?

Log in to your My Duke Health account to review your procedure appointment and preparation details. Select the *Messages* icon to view and print your appointment letter. This letter includes your procedure location, date, and arrival time. Select the *Education* icon to view and print your GI procedure preparation instructions.