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## Preparing for Your Procedure

### **Stop taking the following medications:**

You will need to stop taking certain blood-thinning medications in the days before your colonoscopy. If you take a blood-thinning medication, please check with the doctor who prescribed your medication before stopping it.

#### 7 Days Prior To Your Procedure:

- Stop taking all prescription anti-platelet medications: Plavix (clopidogrel), Pletal, Ticlid (ticlopidine), Aggrenox, Agrylin (anagrelide), or Effient.

#### 5 Days Prior To Your Procedure:

- Stop taking Coumadin (warfarin), Brilinta, and Jantoven.

#### 2 Days Prior To Your Procedure:

- Stop taking Pradaxa (dabigatran), Xarelto (rivaroxaban), Eliquis (apixaban), and oral iron supplements.

#### 12 hours Prior To Your Procedure:

- Stop taking Lovenox, aspirin, ibuprofen, other NSAIDs.

### **Follow a special diet before the colonoscopy.**

You will not be able to eat solid food the entire day before your exam. When you wake up the day before your procedure, you should limit your diet to clear liquids only. Examples of **clear liquids** include water, sports drinks, tea, broth, jello, popsicles, clear fruit juices without pulp, coffee without milk or creamer, or clear carbonated beverages. Avoid red and purple liquids, which can be confused with blood during the colonoscopy.

### **Take a Bowel Prep.**

Before a colonoscopy, you will need to clean out (empty) your colon. To accomplish this, you will need to follow the bowel preparation instruction on the other side of this page. Please follow the instructions provided on this form and disregard those on the prep box or given to you by the pharmacy. The laxative in your bowel preparation will cause you to have diarrhea. You should plan to be near a bathroom while taking your prep. Any residue in your colon may obscure the view of your colon during the exam.

### **Bring a medication list.**

Tell your doctor about all the medications and supplements you are taking before your endoscopy. Be sure to bring a medication list with you. If you take heart, blood pressure, or seizure medication routinely, you may take the medication up to 2 hours before your procedure with a small amount of water. If you are diabetic, hold oral medications and short-acting insulin the morning of your procedure. Take only half of your normal dose of long-acting or basal insulin depending on your morning glucose level.

### **Plan ahead for your recovery.**

You will receive anesthesia/sedation for this exam. You may feel mentally alert, but your memory, reaction times, and judgment may be impaired. You will not be allowed to drive or go back to work until the day after the procedure. You are not allowed to take a taxi, non-medical ride service, bus, or leave the Center alone. **IF YOU DO NOT HAVE A RESPONSIBLE ADULT TO ACCOMPANY YOU HOME, YOUR PROCEDURE WILL BE CANCELLED.**

#### Your Appointment is scheduled for:

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Check in Time: \_\_\_\_\_

Procedure Time: \_\_\_\_\_

#### Endoscopy Centers of Colorado Springs

- Audubon Medical Campus  
2940 N. Circle Dr.
- St. Peregrine Pavilion  
6031 E. Woodmen Rd. Ste. 100

#### Hospitals

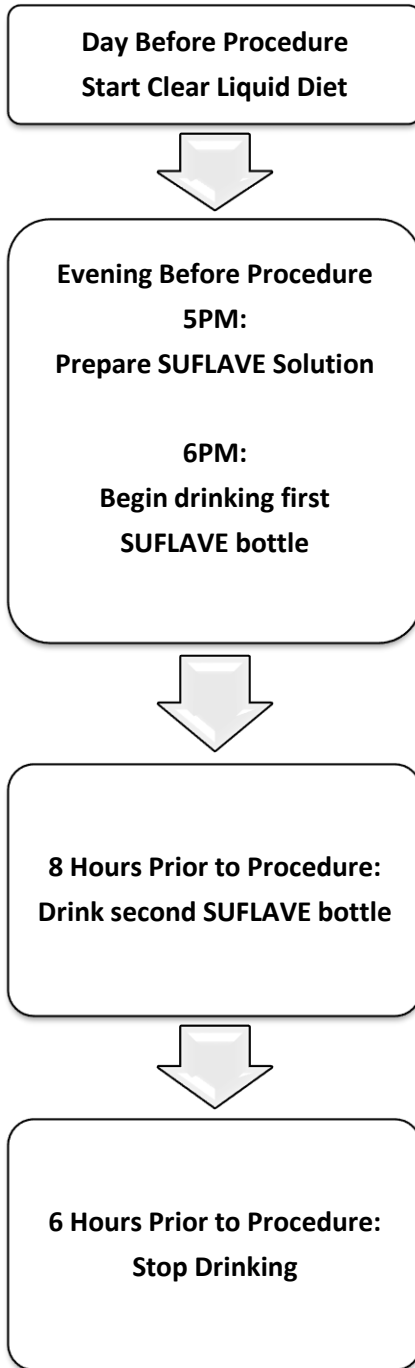
- Penrose Main Hospital GI Lab  
2222 N. Nevada Ave.
- St. Francis Hospital GI Lab  
6001 E. Woodmen Rd.

If you are scheduled at a hospital:

- Call 776-8010 one (1) week prior to your procedure to pre-register
- Check in at registration –they will direct you to the GI Lab.

## **SUFLAVE: Bowel Preparation**

- You will need to obtain your prescribed SUFLAVE bowel prep kit from your pharmacy.
- You must have a prescription for this bowel prep kit.
- **DO NOT** follow instructions on the SuFlave box. Please follow the instructions below.



### **Day before your colonoscopy: Start a clear liquid diet.**

No solid food starting when you wake up the day before your procedure.

**At 5PM,** prepare your SUFLAVE bowel prep solution. Open both flavor enhancing packets and pour one into each of the SUFLAVE bottles. Fill both bottles with lukewarm water up to the fill line. After capping the bottles, gently shake the bottles until all powder has mixed well (dissolved.) Refrigerate both bottles. **DO NOT** freeze.

**At 6PM:** Begin drinking your first SUFLAVE bottle – drink 8 ounces every 15 minutes until the bottle is empty. You will have one hour to drink the prep solution. (If you experience nausea, bloating, or cramping, slow down the rate of drinking until your symptoms diminish.)

**At 7PM:** Drink an additional 16-ounces of water over the next hour.

You should continue drinking clear liquids until you go to bed.

### **Eight hours prior to your colonoscopy:**

- Begin drinking your second SUFLAVE bottle – drink 8 ounces every 15 minutes. You will have one hour to drink the prep solution.
- Drink an additional 16-ounces of water over the next hour.

**Six hours prior to your colonoscopy:  
Stop drinking and have nothing more by mouth.**  
(This includes gum, lozenges, and hard candy.)

**IF YOU DO NOT STOP DRINKING (6) SIX HOURS BEFORE  
YOUR PROCEDURE, YOUR PROCEDURE MAY BE CANCELLED.**

**FOR YOUR SAFETY, DO NOT SMOKE, VAPE, OR CHEW  
TOBACCO (6) SIX HOURS BEFORE YOUR PROCEDURE.**

**DO NOT INJECT MARIJUANA THE DAY OF YOUR PROCEDURE.**