

COLONOSCOPY INSTRUCTIONS

PRINCETON GASTROENTEROLOGY ASSOCIATES
TO SCHEDULE CALL #609-924-1422 FAX #609-924-7473

****Please be sure to review these instructions at least 1 week prior to your procedure****

Please purchase your prescription prep from the pharmacy: CLENPIQ

7 DAYS BEFORE YOUR COLONOSCOPY:

- **Do NOT** take **anti-inflammatory medications** such as Advil, Aleve, Excedrin, Ibuprofen, Motrin, Nuprin, etc. unless otherwise directed by your physician. You **MAY** take Tylenol or acetaminophen if necessary.
- **Do NOT** take **fish oil supplements**
- **Do NOT** eat any **seeds, nuts, corn, quinoa, or whole grain breads with visible nuts/seeds.**
- **Continue** taking your **aspirin** daily.

ON THE DAY BEFORE YOUR COLONOSCOPY :

- **Drink** only **CLEAR LIQUIDS** all day. **NO** solid food or dairy products.
- You can have any of the following **CLEAR LIQUIDS** as long as they are **NOT RED or PURPLE colored:**
 - Clear broth or bouillon (chicken, beef, or vegetable)
 - Clear juices **without** pulp : apple, white grape, lemonade, white cranberry
 - Clear sodas : 7-Up, Sprite, Ginger-ale, Seltzer, Mountain Dew
 - Gatorade, Powerade, Vitamin water, Pedialyte, Crystal Light, water or coconut water (without pieces of coconut in the coconut water), Jell-O, Iced popsicles, Italian ices
 - Iced tea, hot tea, iced coffee, hot coffee (**NO** milk or non-dairy creamer but any type of sweetener is ok)



AT 5:00 pm the day BEFORE your colonoscopy

- Drink 1 bottle of Clenpiq
- Follow with at least five 8 ounce cups of clear liquids
- Continue to drink clear liquid until going to bed



6 hours prior to your colonoscopy

- Drink 1 bottle of Clenpiq
- Follow with at least three 8 ounce cups of clear liquids
- Do not eat or drink 4 hours prior to your colonoscopy



ON THE DAY OF THE PROCEDURE:

- You must bring your insurance card and photo ID.
- Bring a referral to the facility if your insurance requires one.
- **DO NOT DRIVE THE ENTIRE DAY!** Someone **MUST** drive you to and from your appointment as you will be receiving sedation which impairs your ability to drive an automobile. You may take a taxi **ONLY if you are accompanied by an escort over the age of 18.** The taxi driver is NOT an acceptable escort.
- **NO FOOD OR LIQUIDS including sips of water, gum, mints, cough drops within 4 hours of your scheduled arrival time.**
- Please brush your teeth the morning of the procedure, you can use toothpaste, just rinse & spit.
- Do not wear your contact lenses on the morning of the procedure.
- Please bring the completed forms to the facility (either the Princeton Endoscopy Center or Princeton Medical Center).

MEDICATION INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE DAY OF YOUR PROCEDURE:

- _____ Please **take** your morning **PRESCRIBED** medications **with a small sip of water** as soon as you wake up, the **morning of the procedure** (except for medications you were specifically told to stop).
- _____ Please **TAKE** your asthma medication(s) & please **BRING** your asthma medication to your procedure.
- _____ Do **NOT** take your vitamins & supplements the morning of the procedure, but you may take them **after**.

If you are a DIABETIC:

- _____ Do **NOT** take the following **ORAL** diabetic medications the **day before** and **morning** of the procedure:
- _____
- _____ Please obtain specific instructions for the day before & the day of the procedure from your primary care doctor or endocrinologist for the following medications: _____

If you take a BLOOD THINNER/ANTI-COAGULANT:

- _____ You should **NOT** take _____ for _____ days **BEFORE** the procedure.
- _____ You should **continue** to take your **aspirin** unless otherwise instructed.

YOUR PROCEDURE IS SCHEDULED AT:

Princeton Endoscopy Center
 Princeton Plaza, **Suite #104**, 731 Alexander Road
 Princeton, NJ 08540
 Tel # 609-452-1111
 Parking & entrance are at the rear of the building.

Princeton Medical Center
 Medical Arts Pavilion, 5 Plainsboro Road, 2nd floor
 Plainsboro, NJ 08536
 Tel # 609-853-7500

The procedure generally takes about **40 minutes** but you should **plan on being present for about 1 ½ to 2 hours.**

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