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Medication Instructions

- * **High Blood Pressure Patients:** Take your morning dose of blood pressure medication.
- * **Diabetic Patients on Insulin:** Take 1/2 dose of your PM insulin the day before your procedure.
- * **Diabetic Patients:** Do not take any insulin or diabetic medication by mouth the day of your procedure **UNLESS** your blood sugar is higher than 300g/dL. If this occurs, take insulin according to your sliding scale.
- * After consulting with your physician, **STOP TAKING:**

Blood Thinners		
⇒ If you take 81mg Aspirin for heart protection, DO NOT STOP IT.		
7 Days before procedure	5 Days before procedure	2 Days before procedure
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Plavix (Clopidogrel) • Aggrenox • Effient (prasugrel) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Brilinta (Ticagrelor) • Coumadin (warfarin) • Fish oil 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Eliquis • Pradaxa • Xarelto

If taking below medications for Diabetic management and/or Weight Loss STOP:	
7 Days before procedure	Day of procedure
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ozempic (Semaglutide) • Wegovy (Semaglutide) • Mounjaro (Tirzepatide) • Trulicity (Dulaglutide) • Rybelsus (Semaglutide) • Bydureon (Exenatide) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Byetta (Exanatide) • Victoza (Liraglutide) • Saxenda (Liraglutide)

****Due to potential anesthesia complications, your procedure may be canceled if you do not stop medications per recommendation****

3 Days before procedure
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Iron and Bulk Laxatives • Metamucil • Effersyllium • Avoid high-fiber foods

Colonoscopy Preparation Instructions for Patients on below medications for Diabetes and/or Weight Loss

7 Days before procedure STOP:	Day of procedure STOP:
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!!Please do not follow the directions on your prep box/bottle. They will be different than our instructions!!

* 3 days before procedure, STOP: Iron and Bulk Laxatives, Metamucil, Effersyllium, AVOID high-fiber foods

Day before procedure

* **When you wake up, begin a clear liquid diet**

Do not eat any solid foods or dairy products or drink alcohol. Do not drink anything red or purple

Clear liquids include: water, soda, sports drinks, clear broth or bouillon, black coffee, black tea, popsicles, plain Jell-O, and clear fruit juices without pulp (white grape, apple juice)

* **Take half of your prep** the **afternoon** (2-4 pm) before your procedure. **Half of your Prep = ONE of the following:**

- SuTab Pill Prep: 12 pills followed with 32 oz water
- ClenPiq: 1 pre-mixed bottle followed with 32 oz water
- SuPrep: Mix 1 bottle, then drink bottle plus 32 oz water
- Golytely/Gavilyte/Peg: Mix and drink 1/2 gallon of your prep.

* **Take the second half of your prep** the **evening** (6-8 pm) before your procedure. Finish prep and any liquids 8 hours prior to your procedure arrival time.

!! IMPORTANT !! NOTHING in your mouth 8 Hours before your procedure arrival time. DO NOT:

- Eat food, mints, gum, or candy
- Drink anything, including water
- Chew tobacco or nicotine

Day of procedure

* Please do not smoke

* You may brush your teeth.

* **High Blood Pressure Patients:** Take your morning dose of blood pressure medication.

To avoid possible procedure cancellation:

1. Do not eat or drink anything before your procedure as explained above
2. Arrive for your procedure **45 minutes** before your scheduled procedure time
3. Bring a responsible adult who can remain at GSI throughout your entire procedure
4. **Any female who has had a menstrual period within the last year will be required to take a urine pregnancy test upon arrival. Please do not urinate in the lobby.**



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Home Care Instructions After Your Procedure

During your procedure you will be given medication that may affect your memory of the day's events. Other normal side effects of the medicine may include confusion, irritability, drowsiness or a drunken-like state. Resting at home is the best way to recover.

Your speech, posture, hand control, and ability to work may be affected for 24 hours. A responsible person needs to drive you home after the procedure, and someone should stay with you for your safety until the effects of the medication have subsided.

- * Do not make any important decisions or sign important documents for 24 hours.
- * Do not drive or operate any machinery for 24 hours.

After your procedure, resume your usual diet unless instructed otherwise by your physician.

Do not drink alcoholic beverages for 24 hours.

If you take blood thinning medication you should ask your physician when it is safe to resume.

If you take prescription medicines on a regular basis, ask your physician which ones you should take after your procedure.

Do not take any muscle relaxants, sedatives, hypnotics or mood altering medicines for 24 hours unless ordered by your physician. If you have pain, you may take over the counter medicines such as Tylenol.

Call your physician if you have any of the following symptoms after your procedure:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Blue Skin• Unable to Arouse• Bleeding	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Difficulty Breathing• Pain Not Relieved by Medicine• Fever or Chills

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What is the Difference Between Screening and Diagnostic Colonoscopy?

Before you have your colonoscopy, it is important to call your insurance company about your benefits. There are two types of colonoscopies: screening and diagnostic. Most insurance companies will cover screening colonoscopies, but most diagnostic colonoscopies will be subject to deductibles and co-insurance.

Insurance providers have very specific criteria for both types of colonoscopies, so it is advantageous for you to call your insurance provider to inquire about your benefits and out-of-pocket estimates for your screening or diagnostic colonoscopy. Here are some factors that influence whether your procedure will be billed to your insurance company as a screening colonoscopy or a diagnostic colonoscopy:

Screening Colonoscopy Criteria:

- No family history of colon cancer or colon polyps (some insurance providers consider this high risk for colon cancer)
- No personal history of colon cancer or polyps
- No symptoms before the procedure (abdominal cramping, blood in the stool, weight loss, anemia, vomiting, diarrhea, etc.)
- Most insurance providers will only cover a colonoscopy as a screening once every 10 years

Diagnostic Colonoscopy Criteria:

- Family history of colon cancer or polyps (some insurance providers consider this high risk for colon cancer)
- Personal history of colon cancer or polyps
- Symptoms are present before the procedure (abdominal cramping, blood in the stool, weight loss, anemia, vomiting, diarrhea, etc.)
- Previous colonoscopy(ies) had findings of polyps, colon cancer, diverticulitis, etc.)

YOUR SCREENING COULD CONVERT TO A DIAGNOSTIC.

This may mean your insurance will process the claim differently. Please contact your insurance to find out. When you are on the phone with your insurance company, you should also verify that your preferred gastroenterologist and facility are both in-network to keep the cost down. It is important to remember that these are just guidelines, and benefits may vary. Get the facts before you go in for your colonoscopy. Asking the right questions will help you be prepared and confident on the day of your procedure.

Please note GSI is responsible for the delivery of excellent patient health care. You as the patient are responsible for the cost of this health care. **It is ultimately your responsibility to know if and how your insurance will cover the cost of your procedure(s).**

If you have any questions, please call us at (918)940-8500, Option 4 for Billing