

# **MIRALAX Instructions for Please select**

Date of procedure: add date Arrive at: add date

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## **Location of Department:**

Ochsner Medical Center Please select
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# As soon as possible:

Pick up your over the counter prep (MIRALAX) and DULCOLAX LAXATIVE TABLETS

## On the day before your procedure...

## What You CAN do:

 You may have <u>clear liquids ONL Y</u>-see below for list

### Liquids That Are **OK** to Drink:

- Water
- Sports drinks (Gatorade, Power-Aid)
- Coffee or tea (no cream or nondairy creamer)
- Clear juices without pulp (apple, white grape)
- Gelatin desserts (no fruit or toppings)
- Clear soda (sprite, coke, ginger ale)
- Chicken broth (until 12 midnight the night before procedure)

### What You **CANNOT** do:

- <u>Do not EAT solid food</u>, drink milk or anything colored red.
- Do not drink alcohol.
- Do not take oral medications within 1 hour of starting each dose of MIRALAX.
- No gum chewing or candy morning of procedure.

#### Note:

- (Please disregard the MIRALAX bottle instructions).
- It is not uncommon to experience some abdominal cramping, nausea and/or vomiting when taking the prep. If you have nausea and/or vomiting while taking the prep, stop drinking for 20 to 30 minutes then resume.
- <u>IMPORTANT:</u> If you experience preparation-related symptoms (for example, nausea, bloating, or cramping), pause, or slow the rate of drinking the additional water until your symptoms decrease.

### How to take prep:

MIRALAX Bowel Prep-One (1) bottle-8.3 oz. (238 grams). You <u>must</u> drink water with each dose, and additional water after each dose.

### DOSE 1—Day Before Procedure add date

Drink at least 6 to 8 glasses of clear liquids from time you wake up until you begin your prep and then **continue until bedtime** to avoid dehydration.

Step 1- 12:00 pm (NOON) - Mix the 8.3 oz. bottle of Miralax (238 grams) and 64 oz. of Gatorade/Power-Aid, place in the refrigerator (do not add ice). Take four (4) Dulcolax (Bisacodyl) tablets with at least 8 oz. or more of clear liquids.

Step 2- 6:00 pm- Drink one 8 oz. glass of the Miralax/Gatorade prep every 15 minutes until half the mixture (32 oz./quart) is gone. Set a timer as a reminder. Refrigerate the remaining half of prep for dose 2. See below when to begin this step.

Drink additional water/clear liquids

## DOSE 2—Day of the Procedure add date

**Step 1-** Please select-Drink the **2**<sup>nd</sup> **half** of the prep.

Step 2- You may continue drinking water/clear liquids until <a href="#">4 hours before your colonoscopy</a> or as directed by the scheduling nurse <a href="#">add time</a>.

For more information about your procedure, please watch this informational video.

### Options for viewing:

 Using a keyboard: press and hold the control tab (Ctrl) and left mouse click to follow link
 Colonoscopy Video – YouTube

### OR

- Type link address into your web browser's address bar: <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XZdo-LP1xDQ">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XZdo-LP1xDQ</a>
- Using a mobile phone: tap on web address/link.

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