

YOUR COLONOSCOPY APPOINTMENT

Patient's Name: _____

Tel: _____

Date: _____ Time: _____

Doctor's Name: _____

Bi-PEGLYTE®

To facilitate access to endoscopic examinations, we require that you call us at least 5 days in advance if you must postpone or cancel your appointment. This will enable someone else to have their test.

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What is a colonoscopy?

- ➔ A colonoscopy is a procedure in which a doctor examines the colon to detect any inflammation, polyps or colorectal cancer.

What takes place during the examination?

- ➔ A colonoscope is a flexible tube the width of a finger that is equipped with a camera. It is inserted through the anus and gradually advanced through the entire colon up to the cecum.
- ➔ To ensure good visualization of all the walls of the colon, gas or air is injected into the intestine. This can cause cramps or a bloating feeling during the test.
- ➔ To reduce the discomfort associated with the procedure, you will be given drugs intravenously to help you relax and make you drowsy. The examination takes about 20 minutes.
- ➔ A colonoscopy allows a sampling of a suspicious or inflamed area, removal of one or some polyps (abnormal growth of the intestinal inner surface), control of a bleeding, expansion of an intestinal stricture (stenose), or removing of a foreign body.

What happens after the examination?

- ➔ After the examination, you will be kept under observation until the effects of the medications have almost completely worn off (about 30 minutes).

What are the potential complications?

- ➔ Bleeding smaller than 1/100 – 200.
- ➔ Perforation smaller than 1/1,000 – 2,000 (surgery may be needed).
- ➔ Side effects may occur due to sedatives given at the time of the examination.



Your examination will require the administration of medication. Consequently, an adult must mandatorily accompany you home, otherwise your examination will be cancel. Ideally the person should stay with you for 24 hours. **NO DRIVING FOR 24 H.**

What you need to bring on the day of the examination?

- Your health insurance card and hospital card;
- **A complete list of all your medications, as provided by your pharmacist;**
- Leave any jewelry, piercing jewelry or any other valuables at home.

Instructions for medication

Take your usual medication on the day of examination, except if there is a contraindication:

- ➔ Stop iron 7 days before examination.
- ➔ You do not have to stop taking acetylsalicylic acid (Aspirin®, Novasen®, Entrophen®, Asaphen®, Rivasas^{MD}) or nonsteroidal anti-inflammatories (Advil®, Célébrex®, Naproxen).
- ➔ If you are taking an antiplatelet agent or an anticoagulant (blood thinners), advise us, and you will receive previous instructions if your family doctor or specialist haven't already done it.
- ➔ You must tell us if you think you are pregnant.

Instructions for diabetics

Your examination should be ideally before noon.

- ➔ The day before examination: Take your usual medication for diabetes.
- ➔ The morning of examination: **Do not take** your medication for diabetes, except slow insuline **HALF the dose.** (Lantus®, Levemir®, NPH, Humulin® N).
- ➔ **It is important** to verify you glycemia and to take clear liquids allowed until **2 hours before examination.** Afterword, if you can not drink, take sugar tablets over the counter at your drugstore to raise your glycemia if needed.

Ensuring the quality of your examination

A) Diet



FOODS TO BE AVOIDED DURING THE 3 DAYS PRECEDING THE TEST:

- X Multigrain bread, multigrain pasta, cereals and brown rice;
- X Beans and legumes (red beans, lentils, chick peas, dry peas, etc.);
- X Seeds and nuts;
- X Fruits with small seeds (strawberries, raspberries, kiwis, watermelon, blackberries, grapes, tomatoes, etc.);
- X Chips, popcorn and coconut;
- X Corn.



ON THE DAY BEFORE THE PROCEDURE, NO SOLID FOOD IS ALLOWED, DRINK ONLY CLEAR LIQUIDS, (no dairy products* or dairy substitutes*).

You can eat or drink as much of the following as you like throughout the day up to 2 hours before the examination:

- ✓ Water or ice;
- ✓ Clear juice without pulp (apple, white grape or lemonade);
- ✓ Jell-O® and Popsicle® (except red or purple);
- ✓ Beef or chicken consommé or broth (without noodles or vegetables and with no solid residue);
- ✓ Herbal tea, tea or coffee (without cream, milk or milk substitute);
- ✓ Clear soft drinks (Sprite®, 7-up®, Ginger-Ale®).

* Avoid all dairy products (milk or cream) and substitutes (almond milk, soya milk, Ensure®, etc.).

IMPORTANT : Only for patients who are having a gastroscopy and a colonoscopy ON THE SAME DAY.

→ Fast completely after taking the second complete bag of solution.

→ DO NOT DRINK ANY OTHER LIQUIDS.

→ If you feel or notice a drop of your sugar level, take sugar tablets available over the counter at your drugstore.

On the day before your colonoscopy

Drink only clear liquids — No solid food or milk

B) Preparation

STEP

1



IN THE MORNING

Prepare the Bi-PegLyte® solution as follows:

- Pour the contents of 1 full pouch into 1 litre of water (32 ounces);
- Stir for 2 or 3 minutes until the solution is clear.

Repeat steps a) and b) with the second pouch.

Store both solutions in the refrigerator to improve the taste.

STEP

2



IN THE AFTERNOON

Take the 3 bisacodyl tablets with water **around 3 p.m.**

Do not chew or crush the tablets. No antacids are allowed for one hour after taking the bisacodyl tablets

STEP

3



IN THE EVENING

At around 7 p.m.: Quickly drink 1 glass of the first solution (about 250 mL) every 10 minutes until you have finished the entire litre of solution (4 glasses in all).



Check each glass after drinking it

Precautions

- Abdominal bloating or distention may occur before your first bowel movement. If the discomfort persists, temporarily stop drinking the Bi-PegLyte® solution or drink each portion of 250 mL at longer intervals (more than 10 minutes) until the symptoms disappear.
- If you experience nausea, you may take a tablet of Gravol® (dimenhydrinate).

On the day of the colonoscopy

STEP

4



4 hours before your appointment: Quickly drink 1 glass of the second Bi-PegLyte® solution (about 250 mL) every 10 minutes until you have finished the entire litre of solution (4 glasses in all).



Check each glass after drinking it