



NORTH SHORE Physicians Group

Colonoscopy Preparation

PEG (GoLYTELY) and Dulcolax Prep

Thank you for choosing to have your colonoscopy with NSPG Gastroenterology. We are delighted to be able to participate in your healthcare and we will make every attempt to make your experience as pleasant and safe as possible. Your colonoscopy appointment and the directions for preparing for your colonoscopy are included below. **Please review the directions carefully as soon as you receive this packet. Certain items require immediate attention as the preparation itself begins FIVE DAYS PRIOR to your procedure.**

Included in this packet:

- Information about a colonoscopy
- Colonoscopy pre-procedure instructions
- Colonoscopy preparation instructions
- Prescription for preparation solution
- Directions to locations

Please contact your insurance company if you have any questions regarding your co-pay, deductible or co-insurance responsibility.

Your procedure is scheduled for:

DATE: _____ ARRIVAL TIME: _____ PROVIDER: _____

PPE (ANESTHESIA) CALL APPOINTMENT (*CERTAIN PROCEDURES ONLY*): _____

Your ride should be available to pick you up, 2.5 hours after arrival time. Please confirm this with your ride in advance.

LOCATION:

Salem Hospital (81 Highland Avenue, Salem) Please go to the Wheelock 5 Entrance to check in for the Endoscopy Suite

Mass General/North Shore Center for Outpatient Care (104 Endicott Street, Danvers) Please go to the 2nd floor Day Surgery Department

Please make every attempt to keep your scheduled appointment. We know that sometimes things happen last minute in life but notifying us at least seven (7) days prior to your colonoscopy appointment enables us to help another patient. Please call 978-741-4171 if you have any questions regarding the prep or if you need to reschedule your procedure.

What is a Colonoscopy?

- A colonoscopy is the most accurate method for evaluating the colon or large intestine. It is used to screen for colon cancer and pre-cancerous polyps, and also to evaluate other GI symptoms.
- It is a safe, well-tolerated outpatient procedure performed with intravenous sedation.

Colonoscopy Pre-Procedure Instructions

- You **MUST** have an **adult to escort you home after the procedure**. You are still required to have an escort even if you plan to take a taxi, The Ride, GLSS Medical Bus, Uber, Lyft or alternative transportation. You are not allowed to drive until the next day.
- If you have **Diabetes** and are taking **oral medication**:
 - **Hold** the following medications for **three days prior** to procedure: **Invokana, Invokamet, Farxiga, Xigduo XR, Jardiance, Glyxambi or Synjardy**
 - For all **other oral diabetic medications**, take half of your normal dose the day prior to your procedure and do not take any oral diabetic medication on the day of the procedure.
- If you have **Diabetes** and are taking **insulin**:
 - If you have not discussed this with our office, please call the office immediately for instructions.

GI Nurse to Call with Insulin instructions: _____

- **If you take blood thinners** [warfarin (Coumadin), clopidogrel (Plavix), aspirin/dipyridamole (Aggrenox), rivaroxaban (Xarelto), apixaban (Eliquis), dabigatran etexilate (Pradaxa), cangrelor (Kengreal)] **and have not discussed this with our office, please call our office immediately.**
- If you take aspirin as prescribed by your physician, you may continue taking as instructed.
- If you have sleep apnea and use a CPAP at home, please be sure to bring your CPAP with you on the day of your colonoscopy appointment if your procedure is scheduled at Salem Hospital.

SHOPPING LIST

Things to Buy from Grocery Store



1 box Chicken Boullion/broth
(No noodles or solids in the broth)



1 box Jell-o/gelatin
(Nothing with red coloring)



Liquids to stay hydrated (Clear, any kind, any brand) (Nothing with red, blue or purple coloring)



Coffee or Tea (no milk or cream)



Lemon flavored Crystal Light

Things to Buy from the Pharmacy



1 bottle of GoLytey (Bring prescription)



1 Box of Dulcolax (generic-Bisacodyl OK)
Can purchase over the counter



1 Box of Gas-X (generic-store brand OK)
Can purchase over the counter

Colonoscopy Preparation Instructions

Five days prior to your procedure:

- Stop anti-inflammatory medications (NSAIDs) such as Aleve, Motrin, Ibuprofen, or Advil.
- Avoid raw fruits, vegetables, and seeds (cooked fruits and veggies are fine).
- **BE SURE YOU HAVE PICKED UP YOUR PRESCRIPTION FOR THE PREPARATION.**
- You should also pick up one (1) box of Gas-X (*over the counter*).
- Purchase four (4) Dulcolax (Bisacodyl) pills (*over the counter*).
- Purchase lemon flavored Crystal Lite.

The day before your procedure:

- If your procedure is scheduled **before noon** the next day, begin a clear liquid diet with breakfast.
 - A clear liquid diet includes any liquids you can see through, such as water, tea, black coffee, clear broth, apple juice, Gatorade (not red, blue or purple), white grape juice, and non-red Jell-O. Gatorade is preferred since it has electrolytes.
- If your procedure is scheduled **at noon or after** the next day, you may have a light, low residue diet for breakfast before 9a.m. and then begin a clear liquid diet after breakfast.
 - A low residue diet consists of eggs, yogurt, cheese, and white /refined bread, cereal, or crackers (no whole grains)
- Do not drink anything red, blue or purple. Do not drink milk or any dairy products.
- Mix the PEG solution (4L jug) **with water only** and refrigerate. You may add a lemon-flavored Crystal Lite. We suggest drinking the preparation cold using a straw.
- It is important to drink at least eight (8) glasses of liquid throughout the day, in addition to the prep, to avoid dehydration.

<u>Procedure scheduled before Noon:</u>	<u>Procedure scheduled at Noon or after:</u>
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• At 2p.m. take 4 Dulcolax (Bisacodyl) tablets.• At 4p.m. chew and swallow two (2) Gas-X tablets.• At 4p.m. begin drinking the PEG (GoLYTELY) solution.• Between 4p.m. and 10p.m. drink 3.5 -4 Liters (an 8oz glass every 20-30 minutes).• At 9p.m. chew and swallow two (2) Gas-X tablets.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• At 4p.m. take 4 Dulcolax (Bisacodyl) tablets.• At 5p.m. chew and swallow two (2) Gas-X tablets.• At 6p.m. begin drinking the PEG (GoLYTELY) solution.• Between 6p.m. and 10p.m. drink 2.5 Liters (an 8oz glass every 20-30 minutes)

Day of procedure:

<u>Procedure scheduled before Noon:</u>	<u>Procedure Scheduled for Noon or after:</u>
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• You can take prescribed morning medications before 7a.m.• You may have small amounts of clear liquids up until two (2) hours prior to your scheduled arrival time and then nothing by mouth after this time.• Arrive at Endoscopy Suite as instructed.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• At 6a.m. chew and swallow two (2) Gas-X tablets.• At 6a.m. drink another 1 Liter of the PEG (GoLYTELY) solution over two (2) hours (an 8oz glass every 20-30 minutes).• You can take prescribed morning medications before 7a.m.• You may have small amounts of clear liquids up until 2 hours prior to your scheduled arrival time and then nothing by mouth after this time.• Arrive at Endoscopy Suite as instructed.

- Take all regularly prescribed medications with a sip of water (unless otherwise instructed).
- Please leave valuables and jewelry at home.
- Arrive at Endoscopy Suite as instructed with the following:
 - Name and phone number of escort;
 - Complete list of medications and allergies;
 - Photo ID;
 - CPAP machine if you have one (even if you don't use it). **If procedure being done at MGH please do not bring.*

After your procedure (all patients):

After your procedure, you will receive written discharge information/instructions.

Please remember that you will not be able to work, drive, or consume alcohol for the remainder of the day.

For further information, please visit our website

www.northshorephysicians.org/specialties/gastroenterology

Directions to Locations

Salem Hospital

81 Highland Avenue
Salem, MA

Enter campus via Upper Entrance
Proceed to the left and following signs
Enter through Colonoscopy/Endoscopy Entrance (Wheelock 5)

Mass General/North Shore Center for Outpatient Care

102/104 Endicott Street
Danvers, MA

Enter through Main Entrance
Take elevator to the 2nd floor, Day Surgery Department