



# Colonoscopy Prep Instructions: SUTAB

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**FOLLOW THESE INSTRUCTIONS EXACTLY. If you have questions, call the nurse line for your location.**

## WHAT IS A COLONOSCOPY?

A colonoscopy is an examination of the colon (large intestine) with a flexible tube about the thickness of your pinkie finger, which transmits a live color image onto a television screen. For the procedure to be successful, your colon must be completely clean. If it is not adequately prepared, the procedure will need to be rescheduled.

- Provide us with an updated medication list at least 14 days prior to your procedure.
- Pick up your **SUTAB prescription** at your pharmacy. Do not wait until the day before.

## 1 WEEK BEFORE

- Obtain any medical clearances prior to scheduling procedure, if applicable
- Stop **NSAIDs and Iron** 5 days before: Ibuprofen (Advil, Motrin), Naproxen (Aleve, Naprosyn), Aspirin (Bayer, Ecotrin, Miniprin), Diclofenac (Voltaren, Cambia), Celecoxib (Celebrex), Meloxicam (Mobic), Indomethacin (Indocin), Ketorolac (Toradol), and others. **Tylenol (acetaminophen) is OK.**
- Check your medications.** If you are taking **blood thinners** (Coumadin, Warfarin, Eliquis, Brilinta, Clopidogrel, etc.) or **GLP-1/weight loss medications** (Ozempic, Wegovy, Mounjaro, Zepbound, Saxenda, Victoza, Trulicity, Byetta/Bydureon, Adlyxin, Phentermine), **STOP these 7 days before your procedure.**

## 3 DAYS BEFORE

- Stop all vitamins and supplements. Minimize fiber: Avoid beans, peas, corn, popcorn, nuts, tomatoes, cucumbers, pickles, sesame seeds, strawberries, watermelon, oatmeal, kiwi, grapes, and other foods with small seeds or skins.
- Hold SGLT2 Inhibitors:** Canagliflozin (Invokana), Dapagliflozin (Farxiga), Empagliflozin (Jardiance), Ertugliflozin (Steglatro), Sotagliflozin (Inpefa).

## 1 DAY BEFORE

### MORNING — When you wake up

- Do not eat any food** from the time you wake up. Drink only **clear liquids** all day. See the clear liquids chart below.
- Hold oral GLP-1 medications (e.g., Rybelsus), Metformin & Glyburide today.**

### 5:00 PM — Start Dose 1 (Evening Prep)

- Open the first bottle of 12 tablets. Add drinking water to the fill line on the container. Swallow 1 tablet every 1-2 minutes. You should finish 12 tablets and the entire 16-ounces of water within 20 minutes.
- After finishing Dose 1, fill the container to the fill line with water and drink 16 oz. Repeat once more for a total of **32 oz of water within 1 hour.**
- Continue drinking as many clear liquids as possible after completing the above steps. **Nothing by mouth after midnight** except the second dose of prep.

## DAY OF YOUR PROCEDURE

### 5 Hours Before Your Arrival Time — Start Dose 2

Open the second bottle of 12 tablets. Add drinking water to the fill line. Swallow 1 tablet every 1-2 minutes. You should finish the 12 tablets and the entire 16-ounces of water within 20 minutes.

After finishing Dose 2, fill the container to the fill line with water and drink 16 oz. Repeat once more for a total of **32 oz of water within 1 hour.**

### 4 Hours Before Your Arrival Time — Nothing More

**Do not eat or drink anything 4 hours before your procedure arrival time.** No gum, mints, or hard candy. You may brush your teeth but do not swallow.

Take your morning prescribed medications with a sip of water **UNLESS** otherwise directed by your doctor.

**If your stool is not clear (see-through, like yellow water) by your procedure morning, call your location's nurse line immediately.**

## CLEAR LIQUIDS REFERENCE

### Clear Liquids — OK TO DRINK

Black coffee or tea	Water
Clear juice (apple, white grape, white cranberry)	Sports drinks: Gatorade, Powerade, Propel
Clear soda (Sprite, ginger ale, seltzer)	Jell-O, popsicles, Italian ice
Clear broth (chicken, beef, vegetable)	Kool-Aid, Boost Breeze, iced tea, limeade

**ABSOLUTELY NO RED OR PURPLE DYE, DAIRY PRODUCTS, ORANGE JUICE, TOMATO JUICE, GRAPEFRUIT JUICE, ALCOHOL, OR ANYTHING WITH A CREAM BASE.**

## TRANSPORTATION & CANCELLATION POLICY

**Transportation:** You cannot drive or operate machinery after your procedure. You must have a friend, family member, or arranged medical transport. Total time in the office is about 2–2½ hours. Your ride does not need to stay — we will contact them 20–30 minutes before discharge. Uber, Lyft, and taxis **are NOT allowed**. Contact our office if you need a medical transportation service.

**Cancellations:** We understand that from time to time you may need to cancel an appointment for various reasons. Please observe the rules regarding cancellations.

- Any schedule modification requires at least **5 business days' notice** for procedure appointments.
- Procedure cancellations that are made without appropriate notice are subject to a patient charge of **\$200**.
- If you miss your scheduled appointment without appropriate notice, the above charges will be applied accordingly.

### NURSE LINE — CONTACT YOUR LOCATION WITH ANY QUESTIONS

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A nurse will call you within 1 week before your procedure to review prep instructions and answer questions.