

The logo for Southwest Endoscopy (SWE) consists of the letters 'SWE' in white, bold, sans-serif font, centered within a dark blue rectangular box. The box has a thin white horizontal line above and below the text.

**SWE**

# Miralax Split Dose Prep

**Location: Southwest Endoscopy**  
**7788 Jefferson St NE, Albuquerque, NM 87109**  
*Please call to confirm appointment 505-999-1600*

**The following instructions are your physician's specific instructions. Please follow the instructions carefully to ensure a successful prep.**

You can reach your physician's office at: 505-999-1600

**NO SHOW FEE:** Any patient who fails to keep their scheduled procedure will be charged a \$150.00 fee. The fee must be paid prior to rescheduling any appointments.

**Cancellations:** must be made 4 business days prior to your scheduled procedure. Any cancellation made less than 4 business days will be charged \$150.00.

**Changes in Health Status:** Please contact our office for evaluation if you have had any significant changes in your health status between the time your procedure was scheduled and your procedure date. Significant changes can include a heart attack or starting a new anticoagulant (blood thinners). Please also contact our office if you develop or are experiencing flu-like or COVID related symptoms.

Examples of blood thinning medication include; Arixtra (fondaparinux), Beryxxa (betrixaban), Brillinta (ticagrelor), Coumadin (warfarin), Effient (prasugrel), Eliquis (apixaban), Plavix (clopidogrel), Pradaxa (dabigatran), Savaysa (edoxaba), Ticlid (ticlopidine), Xarelto (rivaroxaban)

If you recently started taking any medications listed above, please contact our office immediately at 505-999-1600.

## 1 week prior to your procedure purchase the following:

- 1 bottle of over-the-counter Miralax Powder, 8.3 oz. – No prescription is needed for Miralax
- Dulcolax (Get Bisacodyl NOT Sodium) Laxative 5mg tablets (4 tablets)
- 1 64 oz. Gatorade Zero (Sugar free) or G2 (Less sugar) – No red or purple
- Optional for a sore bottom – plain or aloe baby wipes, Desitin, A&D ointment or Vaseline.
- Clear liquids



When purchasing Dulcolax tablets, **ensure you purchase the Dulcolax Laxative** tablets, not the Dulcolax stool softener tablets, as shown in the images above and below.



## 7 days prior to procedure

### Special Notes:

Let us know if you are on any of the following blood thinners: Plavix, Coumadin, Effient, Pradaxa, Eliquis, Xarelto or other blood thinning medications.

**STOP:** iron supplements or vitamins that contain iron

**STOP:** fish oil, krill oil or shark oil supplements.

## 3 days prior to procedure



**STOP** eating any vegetables, fruits, or corn. No foods that contain seeds like tomatoes, green chile or sesame seed buns.

You can eat meat, fish, rice, pasta, breads without seeds, peanut butter, eggs, cheese and cereal.

Purchase clear liquid diet items, ointment, reading material, etc.

## 2 days prior to procedure



Continue to avoid vegetables, fruits, or corn. No foods that contain seeds like tomatoes, green chile or sesame seed buns.

Confirm arrangements with your driver.

**NO SOLID FOODS AFTER MIDNIGHT**

## 1 day prior to procedure

**NO SOLID FOODS**  
**NO ALCOHOL**

**Clear liquids only** from the time you wake up until after your procedure. A clear liquid diet is necessary for a colonoscopy.

**Prep at a Glance**  
**12:00 pm** take 4 Dulcolax  
**5:00 pm** take **32oz** of prep solution.

Drink plenty of water and liquids throughout the day to avoid dehydration.

Detailed, step-by-step instructions continue on page 4.

## Day of procedure

8 hours prior to your procedure

Begin drinking the remaining **32oz** of prep solution.

**Remember, you will not have any solid foods this day.**

Do not drink **6 hours prior** to your procedure except for your usual medication with no more than 2 oz of water 2 hours prior to your procedure.

Do not skip heart, blood pressure or seizure medications.

Clear Liquid Diet Details: **NO RED** or **PURPLE**. **NO DAIRY**

### Approve

- Sodas, coffee, tea clear juices, fitness waters.
- Popsicles without pulp.
- Chicken, vegetable, and beef broth, Gelatin.

### Avoid

- No milk/dairy
- No juices with pulp
- No **RED** or **PURPLE**



## Prep Day: The day before your procedure

1

**12:00 PM** the day prior to your procedure.

Pour the 64 oz. (1/2 gallon) of Gatorade into a pitcher and chill in the refrigerator.

**You will not drink until step 4.**



2

**12:00 PM** the day prior to your procedure.

Take 4 (5mg) Dulcolax tablets with a glass of water.

**Please note you will only need 4 tablets total**



3

**5:00 PM** the evening prior to your procedure.

Mix together the **ENTIRE BOTTLE** of Miralax (8.3oz/238 g) with 64 oz. of the chilled Gatorade.



4

**5:00 PM** the evening prior to your procedure.

Drink an 8 oz. glass of the solution every 10-15 minutes until you have finished drinking the **HALF OF MIXTURE (32 oz.)**.



## Prep Day: The day of your procedure

5

**8 hours** prior to your procedure

Drink the **OTHER HALF OF THE MIXTURE (32 oz.)**

Drink an 8 oz. glass of the solution every 10-15 minutes **until gone.**

**You must finish the entire prep, even if your bowels are already clear.**







**DARK  
AND MURKY.  
NOT OK**

**BROWN  
AND MURKY.  
NOT OK**

**DARK ORANGE  
AND SEMI-CLEAR.  
NOT OK**

**LIGHT ORANGE AND  
MOSTLY CLEAR.  
ALMOST THERE!**

**YELLOW AND CLEAR,  
LIKE URINE.  
YOU'RE READY!**

Proper preparation is crucial for your colonoscopy. If your bowel is not thoroughly emptied and cleaned, your gastroenterologist will not have a clear view of your colon. This could result in missing a polyp or needing to reschedule the procedure. The scale above represents the different phases of colon prep. You have prepped correctly when your stool appears yellow and clear, similar to urine.

# Bowel Prep Frequently Asked Questions

## **What is a clear stool?**

A clear stool can have a slight tint of yellow or brown. It will be completely transparent and will not contain any solid matter.

## **I am not having bowel movements. What should I do?**

Bowel movements can take up to 5-6 hours after beginning the prep to start. Be patient, continue to drink liquids.

## **The prep is making me nauseous, what should I do?**

If you develop nausea or vomiting, slow down the rate at which you drink the solution. Wait 30 minutes before you continue drinking the prep. Please try to drink all the laxative solution even if it takes you longer. If vomiting persists, or you are not able to finish the preparation, stop the preparation and call your physician's office for further instructions.

## **What are some high-fiber foods I should avoid?**

Raw fruits and vegetables, nuts, seeds, whole-grain breads, beans, and lentils are typically high in fiber.

## **What are some good options for low-fiber foods?**

Choose white bread and white rice for lower fiber options, as well as pasta made with white flour. Chicken, fish, dairy, and eggs are also low in fiber and are good choices for foods 2-3 days before you begin your prep.

## **If I eat popcorn or seeds 3 days before my procedure, do I need to reschedule?**

You will not need to reschedule your procedure; however, the seeds or nuts may cause difficulty in screening and require rescreening. If you have eaten a large number of seeds or nuts, you may want to contact the nurse or physician.

## **Can I drink ALCOHOL on the liquid diet?**

Alcohol is not allowed as part of the liquid diet.

## **Can I continue to be on the liquid diet after I begin consuming the laxatives?**

Yes, you may continue the liquid diet until you are directed to discontinue anything by mouth, which is typically 6 hours prior to the procedure. The more liquids you drink the better your prep will be.

**Why do I have to wake up so early for the second dose? Can't I take it all the night before?** A split prep has proven to be the most effective for a successful colonoscopy. It is essential that you follow the directions provided with your prep medications.

## **If I weigh under 100 pounds, do I need to take all of the prep?**

The liquid amount is not weight-dependent. It is important to finish the prep for a successful colonoscopy.

## **What if I have more prep questions?**

If you have more questions regarding your prep, please contact your physician at 505-999-1600 between 7 AM-10PM. All prep questions in the middle of the night will be returned after 7AM the next morning.

## The day of your procedure

All patients must check in for their procedure 60 minutes before the procedure time. For example, if your procedure is set for 7 a.m., please check in at 6 a.m., as our office opens at 6 a.m. Please allocate 2-3 hours for your visit.

**You must start drinking the second dose of the prep 8 hours before your procedure and then have nothing by mouth for 6 hours before your procedure.**

TAKE YOUR BLOOD PRESSURE MEDICATIONS, HEART MEDICATIONS, OR SEIZURE MEDICATIONS AS PRESCRIBED **WITH A SMALL SIP OF WATER** (no more than 2oz) NO LATER THAN 2 HOURS PRIOR TO YOUR PROCEDURE OR YOUR PROCEDURE WILL BE CANCELED. YOU CANNOT HAVE CHEWING GUM, HARD CANDY, OR TOBACCO PRODUCTS THE DAY OF YOUR PROCEDURE.

**You must arrange to have a responsible adult (18 or older) come with you to your procedure to drive you home.** You cannot drive, take a bus, or leave the facility alone. Your driver does not need to stay at our facility during your procedure but needs to remain reachable by phone. The staff will call your driver 30 minutes before you are ready to be discharged

- You will need your current insurance card, picture ID, and copayment.
- If you are female under age 50 you may need to submit a urine specimen for a pregnancy test.

**Your Patient Advisor will call you from a 913 area code to assist you with your preparation information. You can also choose to order a prep kit during the call (this is not required). You may decide to purchase your prep items over the counter. If you have any questions or concerns about the preparation, feel free to ask during the call.**

**Please contact Your Patient Advisor by calling 800-349-0285 or emailing [support@yourpatientadvisor.com](mailto:support@yourpatientadvisor.com).**

### **Your Patient Advisor Customer Service Hours:**

Monday through Thursday from 6:00 am -9:00 pm MT

Friday from 6:00 am - 4:00 pm MT

Saturday from 9:00 am - 3:00 pm MT

Sunday from 11:00 am - 7:00 pm MT

# MEDICATIONS: DAY PRIOR TO PROCEDURE (Preparation Day)



If you take	Morning	Lunch/ Dinner	Bedtime
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Glucophage(metformin)</li> <li>• Januvia</li> <li>• Janumet</li> <li>• Byetta,Tradjenta</li> <li>• Onglyza</li> <li>• Invokana</li> <li>• Avandia</li> <li>• Avandamet</li> <li>• Actos (pioglitazone)</li> <li>• ACTOplus Met (pioglitazone &amp; metformin)</li> <li>• Farxiga</li> </ul>	<p><b>Take your usual dose</b></p>	<p><b>Take your usual dose</b></p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Glucotrol</li> <li>• Glucotrol XL</li> <li>• Micronase (glyburide)</li> <li>• Glucovance (glyburide and metformin)</li> <li>• Jardiance</li> <li>• Metaglip (glipizide&amp; metformin HCl)</li> <li>• Prandin (repaglinide)</li> <li>• Starlix (nateglinide)</li> <li>• Victoza, Amaryl (glimepiride)</li> <li>• Avandaryl</li> <li>• DiaBeta</li> <li>• Glynase</li> <li>• Duetact (pioglitazone &amp; glimepiride)</li> </ul>	<p><b>DO NOT TAKE</b></p>	<p><b>DO NOT TAKE</b></p>	<p><b>DO NOT TAKE</b></p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lantus</li> <li>• Levemir</li> </ul>	<p><b>Take your usual dose.</b></p>		<p><b>Take your usual dose.</b></p>



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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Humalog</li> <li>Novolog</li> <li>Regular Insulin or NPH Insulin</li> </ul> <p>If you use insulin sliding scale, then you may continue using it.</p>	<p>Take ½ the usual amount if you take a fixed dose – OR – Cover your carbs with your usual carb ratio.</p>	<p>Take ½ the usual amount if you take a fixed dose – OR – Cover your carbs with your usual carb ratio.</p>	
<p>Premixed insulin; 75/25, Novolin 70/30 Novolog Mix 70/30</p>	<p><b>TAKE ½ THE USUAL DOSE AT BREAKFAST</b></p>	<p>Take ½ the usual dose at dinner.</p>	

**If you have a question about a specific medication not listed, please call us at 505-999-1600**

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Follow the clear liquid described above and adjust your medications as follows:

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# MEDICATIONS: DAY OF PROCEDURE



Do not make up or “double up” on any missed medication after the procedure

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## If you take GLP-1 medications

- Dulaglutide (Trulicity) (weekly)
- Exenatide extended release (Bydureon bcise) (weekly)
- Semaglutide (Ozempic) (weekly)
- Tirzepatide (Mounjaro) (weekly)

These medications should be stopped the week prior to your procedure

- Exenatide (Byetta) (twice daily)
- Liraglutide (Victoza, Saxenda) (daily)
- Lixisenatide (Adlyxin) (daily)
- Semaglutide (Rybelsus) (taken by mouth once daily)

These medications should be stopped 1 day prior to your procedure