



BOWEL PREPARATION (RENAL) INSTRUCTION SHEET FOR SURGERY

PLEASE READ THE FOLLOWING INSTRUCTIONS CAREFULLY. CONTACT THE ROOMS IF YOU DO NOT UNDERSTAND THE INSTRUCTIONS OR IF YOU HAVE ANY QUERIES.

PLEASE PURCHASE 3 SATCHETS OF COLONLYTELY FROM YOUR PHARMACY. YOU DO NOT NEED A PRESCRIPTION FOR THIS. THERE ARE 3 TABLETS OF BISALAX ATTACHED TO THIS PAPER.

MEDICATIONS

If you are on blood thinning medications including warfarin, clopidogrel (Plavix), rivaroxaban (Xarelto) and dabigatran etexilate (Pradaxa), then you will need to **cease these 7 days before the procedure** unless previously discussed with Mr Ong. Please also let Mr Ong know if you are on any other blood thinning medications such as aspirin or NSAIDs (eg nurofen, indocid).

DIABETES MEDICATIONS

Please discuss this with your anaesthetist or peri-operative physician. General guidelines are given below.

Oral medication: Do not take any oral diabetes medications the day of your surgery. If you are on Metformin, this should be stopped two days before surgery.

Insulin: If you are a type 1 diabetic, it is very important to have some long-acting insulin (approximately half of your usual dose) even though you are fasting. Please discuss this with the anaesthetist or peri-operative physician.

Please note: Oral contraceptives may not be effective after bowel preparation, extra precautions for the rest of the month is advised.

Take ALL other medicines as instructed by your normal doctor. On the day of your colonoscopy, take your medicines with a sip of water.

THE DAY BEFORE YOUR PROCEDURE

You may have a light breakfast, but from then you must not have any solid foods. **Only drink clear liquids following breakfast.** Do not eat any solid foods. Drink at least 1-2 cups (250-500 mls) of clear liquids every hour during the day to prevent dehydration. The clear liquids you can drink include:

- ✓ water, cordial, apple juice or broth
- ✓ black coffee or tea (without milk)
- ✓ clear carbonated beverages such as lemonade or Fanta
- ✓ Cordial, Gatorade® or other sports drinks or other flavored drinks
- ✓ plain jelly or icypoles
- ✓ do not drink alcohol on the day before or the day of the procedure



WHEN TO TAKE YOUR BOWEL PREP

FOR PROCEDURES IN THE MORNING (BEFORE 12 NOON)

THE DAY BEFORE YOUR PROCEDURE

The instructions for the Colonlytely are printed on the package. Each sachet should be made up to 1 litre with water.

You can add some **sugar free** cordial (lemon or lime only) to improve the taste. Please **do not** add sugar or flavourings containing sugar.

AT 12pm take three tablets of BISALAX

AT 4PM drink the **FIRST** litre of colonlytely by gradually drinking a cupful (about 250ml) every 15 minutes.

AT 5PM drink the **SECOND** litre of colonlytely by gradually drinking a cupful (about 250ml) every 15 minutes.

AT 6PM drink the **THIRD** litre of colonlytely by gradually drinking a cupful (about 250ml) every 15 minutes.

Continue drinking at least 1-2 glasses of approved clear fluids every hour until you go to bed.

FAST FROM MIDNIGHT - THIS MEANS NOTHING TO EAT OR DRINK ON THE DAY UNTIL AFTER YOUR PROCEDURE.

FOR PROCEDURES IN THE AFTERNOON (AFTER 12 NOON)

THE DAY BEFORE YOUR PROCEDURE

AT 3PM take three tablets of BISALAX

AT 5PM drink the **FIRST** litre of colonlytely per hour by gradually drinking a cupful (about 250ml) every 15 minutes.

AT 6PM drink the **SECOND** litre of colonlytely per hour by gradually drinking a cupful (about 250ml) every 15 minutes.

THE MORNING OF YOUR PROCEDURE

AT 6AM drink the **THIRD** litre of colonlytely per hour by gradually drinking a cupful (about 250ml) every 15 minutes.

AT 6-8AM Drink plenty of clear fluids as described above. DO NOT have anything to eat. After 8AM, do not have any further oral intake.

FROM 8AM: NOTHING TO EAT OR DRINK ON THE DAY UNTIL AFTER YOUR PROCEDURE.