# **GoLYTELY Colonoscopy Preparation**

#### **General Instructions**

- 1. Please read and follow these instructions carefully. A well-done bowel preparation is vital to preventing colon cancer.
- 2. If you are on a blood thinner (Coumadin, Eliquis, Plavix, Xarelto, etc.), please see the attached special blood thinner instructions for management of these medications prior to your procedure.
- 3. If you have any questions, please call the facility at which your procedure will be performed. Please see the end of these instructions for a listing of all applicable facilities and phone numbers.
- 4. Please continue to take vital medications such as blood pressure or seizure medications. Take these medications even the morning of your procedure. You may take these medications with a tiny amount of water if needed.
- 5. Follow a clear-liquid diet (as below) the entire day before your procedure. Do not eat any food the day before or the day of your procedure. You may continue to drink clear liquids (as outlined below) for up to 6 hours prior to your procedure, but do not drink anything (other than your bowel preparation as below) for at least 6 hours prior to your procedure. If you eat solid food the day before or the day of your procedure, or drink any liquids during the 6 hours prior to your procedure, your procedure may need to be canceled and rescheduled.

# Items to Purchase and Prepare Prior to Your Colonoscopy Preparation

- 1. Four bisacodyl (Dulcolax) 5 mg tablets.
- 2. Four simethicone (Gas-X) anti-gas chewables or soft gel tablets.
- 3. GoLYTELY bowel preparation; this is a prescription container and powder with optional flavor packets that you need to pick up from your pharmacy at least 2 days prior to your preparation.
- 4. Desitin or A&D skin ointment to protect the skin around your bottom.

#### Two Days Prior to Your Colonoscopy

1. Follow a low-fiber diet. Avoid nuts, seeds, popcorn, whole grains, and similar foods. This diet will improve your colonoscopy preparation.

## The Day Prior to Your Colonoscopy

- 1. Follow a clear-liquid diet. Drink a large amount of liquid all day; it's important to begin your colonoscopy preparation as well-hydrated as possible. Do not eat solid foods. Focus on water, broth, coffee, Jell-O, tea, bouillon, soda, Gatorade, Crystal Light, etc. Stay well-hydrated all day. Avoid dairy. Avoid red, blue, and purple liquids.
- 2. At 5:00 pm, mix 1 gallon of water with the GoLYTELY powder in the GoLYTELY container. Add a flavor packet if desired. The flavor packets are optional but may improve the taste of the GoLYTELY solution. Mix well; shake vigorously.
- 3. At 5:00 pm, take 2 bisacodyl tablets. After taking the 2 bisacodyl tablets, start drinking the GoLYTELY solution. Drink one 8-ounce glass every 15 minutes for 3 hours (¾ of the container.) If you feel nauseated or otherwise unwell, take a 30-minute break then resume drinking one 8-ounce glass of GoLYTELY every 15 minutes.

- 4. After your first bowel movement, apply a small amount of Desitin or A&D ointment to the skin around your bottom. Re-apply a small amount of ointment after every bowel movement to protect your skin.
- 5. At 7:00 pm, take 2 simethicone tablets.
- 6. At 8:00 pm, take 2 additional simethicone tablets.
- 7. At 9:00 pm, take 2 additional bisacodyl tablets.
- 8. Continue to drink water or a similar clear liquid until midnight if desired.

You will likely drink several glasses of the GoLYTELY solution before having your first bowel movement. Some abdominal pain, abdominal cramping, and abdominal bloating are expected. These symptoms should improve as you begin having bowel movements.

### The Morning of Your Colonoscopy

- 1. Six hours prior to your procedure, drink the remaining GoLYTELY solution. Drink one 8-ounce glass every 15 minutes until the solution is gone. If needed, you can drink an additional 1 to 2 glasses of water.
- 2. If you have any questions, please call the appropriate endoscopy facility your procedure is scheduled at as per the following page.

# **Endoscopy Facilities**

# **Central Utah Surgical Center**

(801) 374-0354 1067 North 500 West Suite 100 Building B Provo, UT 84604

### **Timpview Surgical Center**

(801) 492-5994 1175 East 50 South Suite 101 American Fork, UT 84003

# **American Fork Hospital Endoscopy Department**

(801) 855-3361 170 North 1100 East American Fork, UT 84003

### **Spanish Fork Hospital Endoscopy Department**

(385) 344-6011 765 East Market Place Drive Spanish Fork, UT 84660

### **Utah Valley Hospital Endoscopy Department**

(801) 357-7743 1034 North 500 West Provo, UT 84604

# Mountain View Hospital Same Day Surgery

(801) 465-7576 1000 East 100 North Payson, UT 84651

### **Timpanogos Hospital Same Day Surgery**

(801) 714-6644 750 West 800 North Orem, UT 84057