

COLONOSCOPY PATIENT INSTRUCTIONS: SUTAB PREP

Your colonoscopy with Dr. _____ is scheduled on ____/____/____
At Barton Memorial Hospital 2170 South Ave. South Lake Tahoe, CA 96150. You will check in at the main entrance to the hospital. If you can not attend your same day appointment please call the Endoscopy Department at **530-543-5960**. Please call for any symptoms of fever, cough or shortness of breath the day of your procedure.

Your follow up appt in the Doctor's office will be Date: _____ Time: _____

If you need to change or cancel your appointment prior to the day of the appointment please call your doctor's office at **530-543-5691** (Drs Shepard or Evans) or **530-543-5985** (Dr. Brumand)

A nurse will call you 1-2 weeks prior to your appointment to discuss your instructions, give you an arrival time and answer questions. Please answer the phone or return the nurse's call. *Please read and follow all instructions completely. If your colon is not clean your procedure will need to be rescheduled.*

You will need to purchase the following (prescription) medication:

- SUTAB kit. The kit contains two bottles of tablets and a 16 oz.drinking cup.
- A variety of clear liquids to drink the day before your colonoscopy: clear pulpless fruit juice, Gatorade or other sports drink, clear soft drinks, Jello, clear broth, sparkling water. Avoid red and purple colors.
- You may also wish to purchase moist cleansing wipes and soothing ointment such as Vaseline or Desitin to protect the anal area.



7 DAYS PRIOR TO COLONOSCOPY:

- Avoid nuts, seeds, whole grains, beans, corn, raw fruits and vegetables to make it easier to clean out your colon. A clean colon means a thorough exam.
- Stop taking iron, multivitamins and herbal supplements. These can affect bleeding or make it harder to clean out your colon.
- Discontinue medications for diarrhea, such as Imodium and Kaopectate

3 DAYS PRIOR TO COLONOSCOPY:

- Stop taking aspirin, ibuprofen (Motrin), naproxen (Aleve), or other over the counter NSAIDS. If you have been prescribed aspirin by a doctor; please follow the instructions the Barton Nurse gave you for taking your aspirin.
- Purchase your bowel prep medications if you haven't already done so.
- Eat a low residue (low fiber) diet to make your colon easier to clean.

Low residue diet means you may eat:

- Well-cooked or canned fruits and vegetables without seeds including: asparagus, beets, carrots, mushroom, green beans and potatoes without skin.
- Chicken, fish, beef, pork, tofu or eggs. Milk, cheese, ice cream without nuts or seeds and yogurt.
- Baked goods made with white flour, cakes, cookies, pudding, cream of wheat/grits, white rice, and refined pastas/noodles.
- Margarine, butters/oils, smooth sauces and dressings.
- Ripe bananas, melon, avocado, soft cantaloupe, honeydew.
- Hard candy and popsicles

Avoid food with high fiber including nuts, seeds, whole wheat bread, oatmeal/cereals, granola, beans, corn/popcorn, pepper, raw/dried fruit or vegetables with seeds and skin, salads, beverages with pulp, nutritional supplements that contain fiber.

1 DAY PRIOR TO COLONOSCOPY:

- In the morning when you wake up; begin your clear liquid diet.
- **Do not eat ANY solid food the day before your colonoscopy.** Restrict your diet to clear liquids only.
- Drink plenty of clear liquids the day before your colonoscopy. A clear liquid is transparent, not colorless (liquids that you would be able to read a newspaper through.) Clear liquids include: water, mineral water, clear fat-free broths (chicken, beef, vegetables, or bone broth), clear pulpless fruit juices (lemonade, apple, white grape, or white cranberry juice), Crystal Light, Gatorade or other sports drinks, ginger ale and other clear carbonated and non-carbonated soft drinks, black coffee or tea (with no milk or cream), Jello made with water (not milk), popsicles without fruit pulp.
- Avoid liquids with red or purple coloring. These can look like blood when we examine your colon.
- Avoid alcohol on the day prior to your colonoscopy.
- Begin your bowel preparation at the instructed time and take it completely to ensure a good exam.

BOWEL PREPARATION (to be done one day prior to your procedure)

- Be sure you have obtained your SuTab Bowel Prep Kit.
- Between the hours of 3PM and 6PM: open one bottle (12 tablets) of SuTab tablets and pour cool drinking water into the drinking cup provided in the kit. Take each tablet with a sip of water, then finish the water in the cup over a period of 15-20 minutes.
- 1 hour after ingesting the tablets, fill the provided cup again and drink 16 ounces of water over 30 minutes. Wait 30 minutes and drink another 16 ounces of water.
- This completes the first part of your bowel preparation. You will drink the other half in the morning 6-8 hours prior to your scheduled procedure time.
- You may continue drinking other clear liquids if you wish.

Bowel Preparation tips:

- If you are working the day before your procedure, make arrangements to be home to start drinking your bowel preparation solution. You will develop significant diarrhea after taking the tablets. Plan to be near a bathroom once you start taking the SuTab tablets.
- You can expect to have severe diarrhea with mild abdominal bloating and cramps. This is a normal response to these medications and means the medication is working to clear stool from your colon.
- If you become nauseated or vomit: stop taking the tablets and drinking water for 30-60 minutes, then resume.
- It is very important to finish all of the bowel preparation steps. If your bowel is not clean when you arrive, your procedure will need to be rescheduled in order to prevent incomplete or poor examination. .
- Please note the color and transparency of your bowel movements so you can report to the nurse. A "clear" result is transparent, watery and clear or yellow in color.
- Stay hydrated with at least 12 glasses of clear liquid of your choice (8-10 oz each) throughout the day to prevent dehydration.
- If your bottom gets sore during the preparation you can use baby wipes, Vaseline or Desitin applied to the anal area for relief.

DAY OF COLONOSCOPY:

- Between 6 and 8 hours before your procedure time, even if it is in the middle of the night, open the second bottle of 12 SuTab tablets and fill the drinking cup provided in the kit with water. Take each tablet with a sip of water, then finish the water in the cup over a period of 15-20 minutes.
- 1 hour after ingesting the tablets, fill the provided cup again and drink 16 ounces of water over 30 minutes. Wait 30 minutes and drink another 16 ounces of water. *You must be done drinking 4 hours prior to your arrival time.*
- You may continue drinking clear liquids until **4 hours** prior to your *arrival* time. Please take any necessary heart, blood pressure, anti-seizure or Parkinson's medication within this time limit.
- **You must have an adult you know drive you home.** You may not take a taxi or Uber alone, or walk home from a procedure after having sedation. If you do not have a ride you may not have a procedure with sedation. No exceptions will be made.
- Have the contact information for your ride home and ask them to answer our call. We must be able to confirm your ride.
- Remove jewelry and piercings before arriving at the hospital.
- Do not bring valuables to the hospital. Bring storage containers for dentures, removable bridges, contact lenses, hearing aids and glasses. Bring your identification and insurance card.
- Please do not bring any medications from home into the hospital, except inhalers.
- Plan on spending up to three hours at the hospital. Your ride does not have to stay at the hospital. They should remain within a 30 minute drive of the hospital and available by telephone.
- You will not be able to work or drive the day of your procedure. In most cases you can resume normal activities the following day.

IF YOU TAKE DIABETES MEDICATIONS:

- You may need to change the way you take oral diabetes medications and insulin in the days before your procedure.
- A nurse will instruct you on any changes required for your diabetes medications during the pre-procedure phone call which takes place 1-2 weeks before your procedure. Please make sure you answer the phone or return the nurse's call so you can receive these important instructions.

IF YOU TAKE BLOOD THINNERS OR NSAIDS:

- You may need to stop taking your blood thinner or NSAID prior to your procedure if it is safe for you to do so.
- A nurse will give you instructions specific to the blood thinner or NSAID you are taking during the pre-procedure phone call which takes place 1-2 weeks before your procedure. Please make sure you answer the phone or return the nurse's call so you can receive these important instructions.
- If the nurse instructs you to hold your blood thinner or NSAID for a number of days please do so, as it will decrease your risk of bleeding after the procedure. Tell us upon arrival on your procedure day whether you held your blood thinner or continued taking it.
- Over the counter pain medications classified as NSAIDS should be held for 3 days prior to your procedure.

OTHER PRESCRIPTION MEDICATIONS:

- Most other prescription medications will be taken as you normally do. A Barton nurse will speak with you prior to your procedure to give you specific instructions regarding the medications you take.

Antiplatelet and Anticoagulant agents:	Non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs (NSAIDS):
Rivaroxaban (Xarelto) Dabigatran (Pradaxa) Aspirin Enteric Coated Aspirin Apixaban (Eliquis) Enoxaparin (Lovenox) Dipyridamole/Aspirin (Aggrenox) Pentosan Polysulfate (Elmiron) Cilostazol (Pletal) Prasugrel (Effient) Ticagrelor (Brilinta) Warfarin (Coumadin) Heparin Dipyridamole (Persantine) Ticlopidine (Ticlid) Anisindione (Miradon) Clopidogrel (Plavix)	Ibuprofen (Motrin, Advil, Nuprin, Rufen) Diclofenac (Voltaren) Naproxen (Aleve) Oxaprozin (Daypro) Ketoprofen (Actron, Orudis) Sulindac (Clinoril) Meloxicam (Mobic) Indomethacin (Indocin) Piroxicam (Feldene) Ketorolac (Toradol) Nabumetone (Relafen) Tolmetin (Tolectin)