



## BOWEL PREPARATION INSTRUCTIONS

### Morning procedure

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Bowel preparation is required to cleanse your bowel (large intestine) prior to colonoscopy. Having a clear bowel will allow your endoscopist to perform a high-quality, careful evaluation.

Optimal bowel preparation is achieved by altering your diet prior to your procedure and by consuming a bowel preparation agent. The bowel preparation agent you will use is **PrepKit-O**. PrepKit-O should be purchased from your local pharmacy and consumed as per the instructions outlined in this document.

### 7-days prior to your procedure

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- Stop iron tablets
- Cease supplemental fibre, such as Benefibre, Metamucil, and psyllium husk

### 5-days prior to your procedure

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- Do not consume nuts
- Avoid wholegrains, seeds, including small fruit seeds such as in strawberries

### 2-days prior to your procedure

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- Commence a low residue “white diet”
- Acceptable foods include
  - Carbohydrates: White bread, white pasta, rice crackers, rice bubbles
  - Proteins: Eggs, chicken breast (skin off), white fish (skin off), white cheese, Greek yoghurt
  - Vegetables: Low fibre vegetables, like white potatoes, steamed zucchini, lettuce
  - Dairy: Sour cream, mayonnaise, butter/margarine, milk, custard
  - Other: Icy-pole, jelly (not blue or red)

### Day before

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- Have a **light** “white diet” breakfast
  - An example would be white toast with butter, an egg and apple juice
- Take your regular medications aside from anything that you have received special instructions about
- After breakfast have **CLEAR FLUIDS only**, including:
  - Water
  - Clear fruit juice (apple)
  - Clear flavoured sports drinks or clear cordial (yellow/orange)
  - Clear broth (strained, no residue)
  - Coffee and tea (**no milk**)



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### General comments

- Bowel preparation with **PrepKit-O** is intended to cause diarrhoea. This is the only way to ensure a successful colonoscopy
- Ensure that you continue to **maintain hydration** with clear fluids throughout the preparation
  - This is very important
  - As an example, we would recommend 8x cups/glasses of clear fluids throughout the day in addition to the bowel prepared PrepKit-O sachets outlined below
- Bowel preparation can be tiring and your sleep may be interrupted

### Please follow the steps:

- Step 1: On the DAY BEFORE the procedure dissolve the **Glycoprep** sachet in 1000ml water and place in the refrigerator. A small amount of lemon juice or cordial may be added
- Step 2: At **5pm** on the DAY BEFORE the procedure, dissolve a **PicoPrep** sachet in 250ml water and consume. Drink another 250ml water following this
- Step 3: At **7pm** on the DAY BEFORE the procedure, drink a glass of pre-chilled **Glycoprep** every 15-20 minutes until the 1000ml volume has been consumed
- Step 4: At **5am** on the DAY OF THE PROCEDURE, dissolve a **PicoPrep** sachet in 250ml water and consume. Drink another 250ml water following this

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## Day of procedure

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In addition to taking bowel prep, the following instructions apply:

- **Food**
  - DO NOT have breakfast or any solid food
- **Fluids**
  - Continue drinking clear fluids **until 5.30am**
  - You may have sips of clear fluid after 5.30am
  - You **SHOULD NOT** consume anything by mouth within 2-hours of your procedure
- **Medications**
  - Take your usual medications at 5am
  - Withhold oral diabetic medications and any other medications outlined in the special instructions sheet (given to patients if applicable)
  - Withhold blood pressure medications if you feel light-headed or dizzy and seek medical advice if you feel unwell
- **Travel**
  - Please arrive at the hospital at your scheduled arrival time
  - You may drive in, but this should be accompanied if possible
  - You will need **someone** to take you home – it is not safe to drive or operate machinery following sedation