



J. BRANDON MORGAN, M.D.
GENERAL SURGERY

Colonoscopy Instructions

Please follow the instructions below. Failure to read and comply with these instructions will result in a poor colon prep and will jeopardize the safety of the colonoscopy. This will result in us having to cancel your procedure

***You need to buy the following (no prescriptions are needed):**

- **4 laxative tablets** (bisacodyl 5mg) (Dulcolax) – make sure this is NOT a stool softener or a suppository
- **238 grams (8.3 ounces) of laxative powder** (MiraLAX)
- **64 ounces of preferred liquid** to mix with laxative powder (no red or purple colors).

It's best to pour all 238 grams into a pitcher and mix with 64 ounces of liquid. Stir well. Refrigerate.

Day BEFORE the colonoscopy:

You can only have liquids ALL DAY. No solid foods.

OK to Have

Not Allowed

Soups	Clear broth or bouillon.	Anything with food chunks
Sweets	Jello, Flavored Ice	Anything red or purple
Drinks	Clear fruit juices such as lemonade, apple juice, white grape juice. Soda such as ginger ale, sprite, and seltzer. Sports drinks such as powerade and Gatorade. Coffee or tea (without milk or creamer) Water including carbonated and flavored water.	Anything red or purple. Juices with pulp. Nectars. Orange juice Smoothies or shakes. Milk, cream and dairy products. Nut milk, plant milk, non-dairy creamers, and other dairy alternatives. Drinks with alcohol.

Step 1: At 1 pm on the day before your procedure, swallow 4 bisacodyl (5mg) tablets with a glass of water.

Step 2: At 4 pm start drinking the MiraLAX mixture.

- Bowel movements usually start within 1 hour, but it may take longer for some people. Keep drinking clear liquids to stay hydrated and flush out your colon.

Step 3: Be sure to finish ALL the MiraLAX mixture.

NOTHING BY MOUTH AFTER MIDNIGHT!!!

You are scheduled at the:

☐ South Arkansas Surgery Center
2704 Vine St, El Dorado, AR 71730
870-862-1636
Check in at Main Entrance

☐ South Arkansas Regional Hospital
700 W. Grove St, El Dorado, AR 71730
870-863-2000
Check in at Main Entrance of Hospital

You will arrive at the Facility on _____ @ _____ am/pm.

Plan to bring a licensed, adult, driver to take you home. You will NOT be allowed to drive.

If you have any NEW shortness of breath, chest pain or if you are currently scheduled for any future cardiac appointments, please notify us IMMEDIATELY.

If you have any questions, please call or text our office at (870) 881-9311.



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Information about Medications

The following medications will need to be held prior to your procedure:

- ☐ Plavix (clopidogrel), Effient – stop 7 days prior to your procedure, if cleared by cardiologist
- ☐ Coumadin (warfarin), Pradaxa, Xarelto – stop 4 days prior to your procedure, if cleared by cardiologist
- ☐ Aggrenox – stop 5 days prior to your procedure, if cleared by cardiologist
- ☐ Brilinta – stop 3 days prior to your procedure, if cleared by cardiologist
- ☐ Eliquis – stop 2 days prior to your procedure, if cleared by cardiologist
- ☐ Adipex (phentermine) and all other diet pills – stop 14 days prior to your procedure
- ☐ Ozempic, Mounjaro, Semaglutide or similar injections – stop 7 days prior to your procedure
- ☐ Iron supplements – stop 7 days prior to your procedure

If applicable, **take your blood pressure and heart medications with a small sip of water the morning of your procedure.**

If you take medicines for diabetes, call the doctor who manages your diabetes to discuss how to manage your medicines for this procedure. **You should not take your oral diabetes medication on the day of your procedure** unless otherwise instructed. **If you take injectable insulin, we recommend that you hold your morning dose.** Prevent low blood sugar on the day you will be on a clear liquid diet by consuming chicken, beef, or vegetable broth. Keep glucose tablets on hand for any sudden drops in blood sugar. They are available over-the-counter at any pharmacy.

Things to remember

- Take only the medicines you were instructed to take the morning of your procedure. Take them with a few sips of water.
- Do not wear any lotions, creams, or powder.
- Take off any jewelry, including body piercings.
- Leave all valuables, such as credit cards and jewelry, at home.
- If you wear contacts, wear your glasses instead.
- You cannot have gum, hard candy, dip/chewing tobacco, or anything by mouth the morning of surgery.
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What to bring

- Your picture ID, insurance cards, list of all medications your currently take, and any payment that is due at the time of the procedure
- Your rescue inhaler (such as albuterol for asthma), if you have one
- A case for your glasses or dentures, if you wear them

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Results and Follow-Up

Results will be given both verbally and in written form right after the procedure. They will be discussed with you and anyone waiting for you if you so direct. Pathology results will be mailed to you within 2 weeks. We will contact you by phone if anything needs immediate follow-up. If you have not heard anything after 2 weeks, then contact the office for your results.

Office follow-up is usually not necessary. If you would like a follow-up appointment or other issues are involved, please call our office. Your next recommended colonoscopy is usually based on family history, findings at the time of colonoscopy, pathology results or other risk factors.

Financial Statement and What to Expect

It is the patient's responsibility to make sure all offices have the correct insurance(s).

You will receive AT LEAST two separate statements for your procedure.

- One statement will be addressed from J. Brandon Morgan, M.D. This bill is a result of the professional services provided to you. This is the fee we have charged you for doing the procedure.
- Another statement will be from the facility where your procedure took place. This bill is a result of the facility fee.
- Anesthesia services will also address a statement to you.
- If any biopsies were taken during your procedure, you will receive a separate bill from Lab/Pathology.

Your insurance company will be billed separately for each of these charges. Once your insurance company has paid, it will be reflected on your statement. Please make arrangements to pay the portion that is not covered by your insurance company as soon as you receive your first statement.

Please note that all insurances are different, and it is the patient's responsibility to call their insurance and find out what procedures are covered and what is not.

If you have any questions regarding your statements, please call that office directly.

South AR Surgery Center: 870-862-1636

South AR Regional Hospital: 870-863-2000

AR Pathology Associates: 501-663-4116