

WESTSIDE GASTROENTEROLOGY

CONSULTANTS

Colonoscopy Bowel Preparation Instructions (SUFLAVE®)

Note that these instructions also apply if you have an upper endoscopy and a colonoscopy scheduled for the same day.

PLEASE READ AND FOLLOW THESE INSTRUCTIONS ON THE DAY YOU RECEIVE THEM.

Our goal is to provide excellent quality care during your visit and throughout your experience with our office. We have included some very important information pertaining to your procedure and care. Don't hesitate to contact Westside Gastroenterology at 317-745-7310 with any prep questions or concerns.

If you must cancel or reschedule your procedure, please call **Westside Gastroenterology at 317-745-7310** as soon as possible.

Bowel Prep and Clear Liquids Shopping List

Some of the medications listed below are available over the counter without a prescription. They are typically found in the laxative section of the pharmacy. Generic versions of these medications are acceptable. A prescription is needed for SUFLAVE®.

- **SUFLAVE®**
- **Clear Liquids including** clear fruit juices, white grape juice, apple juice, Kool-Aid®, POWERADE®, clear soup broth or bouillon, popsicles, coffee (no cream), tea, soda pop (7-Up®, Sprite®, regular or diet Pepsi® and Coke®, ginger ale, orange soda), Jell-O® (without fruit or other additions). **Do not purchase Red or Purple colored drinks.**
- OPTIONAL - take 80mg or 125mg of **Simethicone** (the common brand name is Gas-X®) if needed for bloating symptoms.
- OPTIONAL - a **petroleum-based ointment product** or diaper rash ointment for potential irritation from frequent bowel movements.

14 DAYS BEFORE PROCEDURE

- If you are taking weight loss medication, contact Westside Gastroenterology for instructions on stopping it before your procedure.
- Stop any multivitamins, iron supplements, and herbal supplements.

7 DAYS BEFORE PROCEDURE

- Purchase prep medications and clear liquid diet items.
- **Make arrangements for someone 18 years or older to accompany you to the procedure.** Sedation is given during your procedure. A responsible adult must be present before, during, and after your procedure. Drop-offs are not allowed. After your procedure, you cannot drive, operate machinery, make important decisions, or return to work for the rest of the day. You may resume normal activities the following day unless your doctor directs otherwise. No Taxi or Uber/Lyft drivers.
- **Begin avoiding corn, popcorn, nuts, or foods containing visible seeds.**
- Stop anti-inflammatory medications ibuprofen (Motrin[®], Advil[®]), naproxen (Aleve[®]).
- Celebrex[®] and acetaminophen (Tylenol[®]) are ok to use.

2-7 DAYS BEFORE PROCEDURE

- **STOP anticoagulants/blood thinners** exactly as your prescribing physician has instructed you. This may include clopidogrel (Plavix[®]), warfarin (Coumadin[®], Jantoven[®]), dabigatran (Pradaxa[®]), apixaban (Eliquis[®]), or other non-aspirin blood thinners. Do not stop these medications on your own. If you are uncertain if you need to stop a medication, please call our office for instructions. If you take low-dose aspirin (81 mg), you may continue taking it.
- If you have diabetes and were not given specific instructions for the management of medications, please get in touch with the provider who prescribes your diabetes medication for adjustments before your procedure.

1 DAY BEFORE PROCEDURE

- No solid food.
- Drink plenty of fluids throughout the day to avoid dehydration, including water, clear fruit juices, white grape juice, apple juice, Kool-Aid[®], POWERADE[®], clear soup broth or bouillon, popsicles, coffee (no cream), tea, hard candy/jelly beans, soda pop (7-Up[®], Sprite[®], regular or diet Pepsi[®] and Coke[®], ginger ale, orange soda), Jell-O[®] (without fruit or other additions).
- **NO ALCOHOL.**
- **NO RED/PURPLE colored drinks, popsicles, or Jell-O[®].**

Bowel Prep Instructions

STEP 1: At 6 p.m., take your **first dose of SUFLAVE®**.

- Open one flavor-enhancing packet and pour the contents into one bottle.
- Fill the provided bottle with lukewarm water up to the fill line. After capping the bottle, gently shake it until all the powder has mixed well (dissolved). For the best taste, refrigerate the solution for an hour before drinking. Do not freeze. Drink 8 ounces every 15 minutes until the bottle is empty.
- Drink an additional 16 ounces of water during the evening.

DAY OF PROCEDURE

STEP 2: Take your **second dose of SUFLAVE®**.

- **Complete this step 4-6 hours prior to arrival time.**
- Open one flavor-enhancing packet and pour the contents into one bottle.
- Fill the provided bottle with lukewarm water up to the fill line. After capping the bottle, gently shake it until all the powder has mixed well (dissolved). For the best taste, refrigerate the solution for an hour before drinking. Do not freeze. Drink 8 ounces every 15 minutes until the bottle is empty.
- Drink an additional 16 ounces of water.
- Do not eat or drink anything (SOLID, LIQUID, OR ALCOHOL) except the prep solution 4-6 hours before arrival time.
- You can take your morning medications with sips of water, but do not take ace inhibitor blood pressure medication (e.g., lisinopril, enalapril, benazepril).
- Wear loose-fitting clothes; NO jewelry, makeup, or hair products.

The goal of the bowel prep is to have colorless (or close to colorless) liquid stool by the time of your procedure. It is normal to have yellow or green diarrhea.

Note: If you think the prep is not working, call the office at 317-745-7310, or if it is after hours, call the hospital operator at 317-745-4451 and ask for the GI doctor on call.