

NORTHERN VIRGINIA
GASTROINTESTINAL ASSOCIATES, LTD.

Colonoscopy and GaviLyte Instructions

Your procedure is scheduled on ____/____/____ at ____:____ am/pm

Check in time: ____:____ am/pm

Woodburn Endoscopy Center
3301 Woodburn Rd Suite 109
Annandale, VA 22003
(703) 752-2557

Virginia Hospital Center
1635 N. George Mason Dr Suite 205
Arlington, VA 22205
(703) 558-6406

McLean Surgery Center
7601 Lewinsville Rd Ste 440
McLean, VA 22102
(703) 663-1428



Go to <http://www.woodburnendoscopy.com>
Click "For Patient" tab at the top
Print and Fill-in all 4 "Patient Check-In Forms"
Bring them with you the day of your procedure.

Cancellation Policy: Cancellations and/or rescheduling within Seven (7) days incur a \$250 charge. This charge is not covered by insurance. If you need to cancel, please call our office at (703) 876-0437.

The Week Before Colonoscopy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Go to the pharmacy, and Fill your Prescription of GaviLyte Prep. • Stop taking Iron-containing vitamins and medications. • Stop the following blood thinners if, and only if, the Prescribing Physician approves for the number of days s/he allows: Plavix, Clopidogrel, Effient, Brillinta, Coumadin, Warfarin, Pradaxa, Xarelto and Eliquis. Please notify GI office in advance if prescribing physician does not approve stopping any of these meds. • 2 days before exam: Avoid high-fiber foods: fresh/dried fruit, vegetables, seeds, nuts, and marmalades.
The Day Before Colonoscopy	<p>Upon Waking:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Begin and remain on a strict CLEAR LIQUID Diet. (see table on next page) <p>At 9:00am</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Take the Ducolax (Bisacodyl) tablet. • Now is a good time to mix your GaviLyte and refrigerate. Mix contents of the GaviLyte container with drinking water to the top line on container. Flavored powder mix may be added to improve taste. <hr/> <p>At 7:00pm</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • (You will drink the solution in two sessions) Begin drinking HALF the solution, about 8oz every 15 minutes. • Continue drinking clear liquids. It is very important to remain hydrated
The Day of Colonoscopy	<p>4 hours prior to procedure check-in</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Drink the remaining solution • You may take critical medications with Clear Liquids up until 3hrs before your CHECK-IN time. • For afternoon arrival times, you may continue clear liquids up until the time you drink your remaining GavaLyte solution.

Clear Liquid Diet List:

- Gatorade[®], Powerade[®] (sports drinks with electrolytes are recommended to help with hydration)
 - Water, tea, or coffee (No cream or milk; sugar is ok)
 - Broth or Bouillon
 - Jell-O[®], Popsicles[®], Italian ice (no fruit or cream added)
 - Apple, white grape, or white cranberry juice (No orange, tomato, grapefruit, prune, or any juice with pulp)
 - Soda such as Sprite[®], 7-Up[®], ginger ale, or any cola
 - Clear hard candy, gum
 - Lemonade (with no pulp), iced tea
 - Avoid all RED and PURPLE liquids—they can look like blood in the colon!
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Important Notes and Helpful Hints:

1. **Nothing by Mouth within 3hrs of your CHECK-IN time.** This includes clear liquids, candy, and gum. Taking anything by mouth within 3hrs of CHECK-IN will cause a delay or cancellation of your procedure.
2. Your exam will only be as good as your colon prep. A good sign that the prep has been effective is the transition to clear, watery bowel movements. If, 2hrs prior to your CHECK-IN time, your bowel movements are not clear (that is, if they are still solid or mostly brown), please call the phone number below for instructions.
3. Many patients find that chilling the laxative and drinking through a straw improve tolerance.
4. You may use baby wipes instead of toilet paper and Vaseline is case of a sore bottom.
5. Remain close to toilet facilities as multiple bowel movements may occur. The prep often starts working within an hour but may take many hours to start working.
6. You may take oral medications with water during the prep and up to 3 hours before CHECK-IN time.
7. Please allow 7-10 business days for all the exam results.

Diabetic patients:

1. Hold (do not take) your diabetic medication the morning of the colonoscopy.
2. Use sugar free drinks for liquids (like Crystal Light) during the prep to avoid increases in blood sugar. Monitor and control your blood sugar closely during your prep to prevent low and high blood sugar. Note: Your procedure may need to be cancelled if your blood sugar is over 300mg/dl on arrival.

Important: Most re-do exams could have been avoided by CAREFULLY reading ALL instructions

If you have any questions AFTER you have read your instructions, please call us at

(703) 876-0437

There is a **\$250 LATE CANCELLATION FEE** for procedures not cancelled at least **SEVEN (7) DAYS** prior to your procedure date. Your insurance will not cover this fee, you are responsible for the payment. If you must cancel, do not call the facility where your procedure is scheduled, **call our office at (703) 876-0437.**