

CARTHAGE - COLONOSCOPY PREP INSTRUCTIONS – AM EXAM
MIRALAX (SAME AS GLYCOLAX)

To schedule your colonoscopy or if you have any questions about your procedure, call Dr. Ghoulam's office at (217) 222-6550, option #1, extension 3636.

Your appointment for your colonoscopy is _____ at Carthage Memorial Hospital, 1454 N County Rd 2050, Carthage, IL 62321.

TIME: Carthage Memorial Hospital staff will call you with the arrival time and further instructions approximately a week prior to your procedure. Carthage Memorial Hospital is open 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. If you need to cancel the day of the procedure, call Carthage Memorial Hospital at (217) 357-8607. **DO NOT CALL THIS NUMBER TO SCHEDULE THE APPOINTMENT.**

1. Be on a clear-liquid diet all day _____. Clear liquids are anything you can pour into a glass and see through. Liquids allowed are: coffee (black), tea, water, clear fruit juices (grape, apple, cranberry), bouillon, jello, soda, popsicles and Gatorade. **(NO RED OR BLUE COLORING)**. No solid food, milk or milk products including non-dairy creamers.
2. You will need to purchase 3 Dulcolax (bisacodyl) laxative pills and 1 bottle of MiraLax (238 gm), this is over-the-counter in the laxative section. You will also need 64 ounces of Gatorade.
3. Take the 3 Dulcolax (bisacodyl) pills at 3 p.m. on _____. Mix the whole container of MiraLax with 64 ounces of Gatorade. Start drinking the mix at 4 p.m. Drink one 8-ounce glass every 15-20 minutes. Be sure to drink ALL the solution.

WHAT TO EXPECT:

After 3 hours of drinking prep, stools should be watery and you should be able to see through toilet water.

4. You may continue with clear liquids until 4 hours prior to the procedure.
5. Since you will have a mild sedative after you arrive at Carthage Memorial Hospital, you must be accompanied by someone who can drive you home after your procedure.
6. You must **DISCONTINUE** the following medications 7 days prior to your procedure: aspirin, Motrin, ibuprofen, Nuprin, Advil, Aleve, any type of arthritis medication, nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drugs (NSAIDS), iron supplements, vitamins that contain iron, Aggrenox, any blood-thinning medications such as Plavix or Ticlid, and all herbal supplements.
7. Discontinue Coumadin 3 days prior.
8. Please be sure to take any heart or blood pressure medications with sips of water the morning of procedure.
9. You may take Tylenol products or Celebrex.

IF YOU ARE DIABETIC: The day prior to the procedure you may take your oral medication. If on insulin, take only ½ dose of insulin. Do not take oral diabetic medications on the day of the procedure. Only take ½ dose of insulin the morning of the procedure. If taking Byetta, Januvia or Victoza, hold day before procedure and morning of procedure.