

WESTSIDE GASTROENTEROLOGY

CONSULTANTS

Colonoscopy Bowel Preparation Instructions (SUTAB®)

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 SUTAB®.

- **SUTAB®**
- **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.

2 DAYS BEFORE PROCEDURE

Start the SUTAB® dosing regimen.

The instructions on the box differ from these instructions (do not follow the instructions on the box).

SUTAB® is a split-dose (2-day) regimen. A total of 24 tablets is required for colonoscopy preparation. You will take the tablets in two doses of 12 tablets each. Water must be consumed with each dose of SUTAB®, and additional water must be consumed after each dose.

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: Open one bottle of 12 tablets. At 6 p.m., take your **first dose of SUTAB®**.

STEP 2: Fill the provided container with 16 ounces of water (up to the fill line). Swallow each tablet with a sip of water and drink the entire amount of water over 15-20 minutes.

STEP 3: Approximately 1 hour after the last tablet is ingested, fill the provided container again with 16 ounces of water (up to the fill line) and drink the entire amount over 30 minutes.

STEP 4: Approximately 30 minutes after finishing the second container of water, fill the provided container with 16 ounces of water (up to the fill line) and drink the entire amount over 30 minutes.

Important: If you experience preparation-related symptoms (for example, nausea, bloating, or cramping), pause or slow the rate of drinking the additional water until your symptoms diminish.

DAY OF PROCEDURE

The morning of your colonoscopy (5-8 hours before your arrival time and no sooner than 4 hours from starting Dose 1).

- **STEP 5:** Open the second bottle of 12 tablets of SUTAB®.
- **STEP 6:** Fill the provided container with 16 ounces of water (up to the fill line). Swallow each tablet with a sip of water and drink the entire amount of water over 15-20 minutes.
- **STEP 7:** Approximately 1 hour after the last tablet is ingested, fill the provided container again with 16 ounces of water (up to the fill line), and drink the entire amount over 30 minutes.
- **STEP 8:** Approximately 30 minutes after finishing the second container of water, fill the provided container with 16 ounces of water (up to the fill line) and drink the entire amount over 30 minutes.
 - Do not eat or drink anything (SOLID, LIQUID, OR ALCOHOL) 4 hours prior to 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).
 - If taking tetracycline or fluoroquinolone antibiotics, iron, digoxin, chlorpromazine, or penicillamine, take these medications at least 2 hours before the last dose of SUTAB.
 - 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.