

APPOINTMENT DATE \_\_\_\_\_

ARRIVAL TIME \_\_\_\_\_

REGISTER AT MOUNT ST. MARY'S HOSPITAL  
5300 MILITARY ROAD, LEWISTON, NY 14032  
(716) 297-4800

**Dr. Chubineh's Colonoscopy Preparation – Magnesium Citrate**

No prescription necessary, purchase over the counter

Three 10 fluid ounce bottles of Magnesium Citrate– Lemon or Lime flavor only

4 Dulcolax tablets – 5 mg tablets

4 gas tablets (gas tablets are Gas-X or Mylanta Gas)

The following instructions are very important. Please read this thoroughly and follow the instructions as outlined. The preparation for your colonoscopy is among the most critical and challenging parts of your colonoscopy. The bowel must be adequately cleansed for proper visualization; otherwise the exam may need to be repeated or canceled. Please follow the instructions carefully to avoid having to reschedule your procedure. **Please be sure to take the Magnesium Citrate as directed. If you have any questions or problems, please call us at 716-240-2296 so we can resolve them as soon as possible.**

Prior to your procedure

**1 week prior to your procedure**

1. If you are on Coumadin (Warfarin), Plavix, Pradaxa (Dabigatran), Xarelto (Rivaroxaban), Aggrenox, Lovenox, or any other blood thinning medication, contact the physician that prescribes this medication to discuss if discontinuation will be required. If you or your physician have any questions, please contact our office.
2. Be sure to let us know if you have had coronary artery stents placed in the last year, as this may require delay of routine colonoscopy.
3. Consider the clear liquid diet you will be adhering to, and ensure that you have enough clear liquids to keep you hydrated the day before your procedure. (See clear liquid diet included at bottom of next page).

**5 days prior to your procedure**

Stop taking all Iron containing supplements

**2 days prior to your procedure**

1. Stop all non-steroidal medications including Ibuprofen, Advil, Motrin, Aleve, Indocin, and Celebrex. You may use Tylenol (acetaminophen) as a substitute. If you require stronger pain medication, contact your Primary Care Physician.
2. You may continue with your multivitamin.

**The day prior to your procedure**

1. **Do not eat any solid foods. Drink clear liquids only.**
2. With the exception of the medications outlined above, all medications may be taken as usual.
3. Refrigerate Magnesium Citrate if desired as this may allow you to tolerate it better.
4. Do not drink alcohol and do not smoke tobacco products. These may interfere with sedation that you receive during the procedure.

5. Be sure to drink plenty of fluids before your procedure. If you become dehydrated, it could affect your kidney function.
6. Drink liquids with calories, not dietetic or sugar free products, so your blood sugar does not get too low. We recommend Gatorade or other sports drinks.
7. Do not have anything red or purple in color.
8. Do not consume dairy products (milk) or juices with pulp.
9. You may have water, Gatorade, or other sports drinks, black coffee or tea (sugar is OK), apple, white grape or white cranberry juices, ginger ale, Sprite, 7-Up, seltzer water, popsicles, clear beef, chicken bouillon, and Jell-O.

**4:00 PM – Take 4 Dulcolax tablets**

**6:00 PM**

1. Drink 15 fluid ounces (a bottle and a half) or lemon or lime flavored Magnesium Citrate. To improve the taste, chill it ahead of time.
2. Immediately after drinking Magnesium Citrate, drink at least 2-3 eight ounces glasses or clear liquids.
3. Continue to drink clear liquids until bedtime.
4. The laxative effect can begin within 1-4 hours. Be prepared to be near the bathroom during the preparation.
5. If you feel nauseous or like you are going to vomit while drinking the prep, stop drinking for 45 minutes to 1 hour, until symptoms subside, then resume.

**9 pm – Take 2 gas tablets with 8 ounces clear liquid (Gas-X or Mylanta Gas)**

**10 pm – Take 2 gas tablets with 8 ounces clear liquid**

**The day of your procedure**

**4-6 hours before arrival time**

1. Do not have breakfast of any kind.
2. Drink the remaining 15 fluid ounces (bottle and a half) of lemon or lime flavored Magnesium Citrate. You have to get up in the middle of the night to take this dose. This is essential for a good preparation of the colon.
3. Immediately after drinking Magnesium Citrate, drink at last 2-3 eight ounce glasses of clear liquids.
4. Continue to drink clear liquids until 2 hours before your scheduled arrival time. Please do not consume anything after this point to avoid delay in your procedure. Please do not chew gum.
5. All oral diabetic medications should **not** be taken the day of the procedure.
6. Patients on insulin should contact the physician who prescribes the insulin for instructions for day prior to and day of the procedure. Check your blood sugar frequently during this time.
7. Take all your heart, blood pressure, and seizure medications as usual with small sips of water.
8. If your bowel movements are still solid/brown, call the office for instructions.
9. If you are a woman of childbearing age, you will be required to submit a urine pregnancy test unless you have had tubal ligation, hysterectomy, etc. Please keep this in mind.

**After your colonoscopy**

1. Because you are receiving moderate sedation, you must have an adult (18 years or older) accompany you home. **If you do not have a ride, we cannot do the procedure with sedation.**
2. You should not plan to work, schedule other appointments or meetings following the procedure. You should not drive the remainder of the day.
3. After your procedure if completed, you may experience some cramping or bloating because of the air introduced into the colon during the examination. This should discontinue promptly with the passage of the gas.
4. If you should experience any fever, chills, worrisome rectal bleeding, or severe abdominal pain, contact the office immediately.