

The purpose of a colonoscopy is to look inside your large intestine (colon) for possible polyps, cancers, and other conditions. These instructions are for Golytely (generic name: Peg-3350), which will be sent to you by UNC Shared Services Pharmacy. Good prep includes the following:

□ **Bring a Driver**

Before the procedure, you will receive medicine to make you relaxed and sleepy. Your judgment may be impaired from the sedation medication, so this is why you are required to have a driver (someone 18 years or older). Plan to arrive ONE HOUR before your procedure time. **If you don't have a driver, your procedure will be rescheduled.**

We have three locations. You should have received an appointment slip with your appointment day, date, and location. See your MyChart message, or text us at 984-974-5050, for assistance.

- **GI Procedures Memorial Hospital** (Basement)  
UNC Medical Center, 101 Manning Drive, Chapel Hill NC 27514  
(Visitor Parking is available in the Dogwood Parking Deck across the street, and valet parking is available in front of the hospital.)
- **GI Procedures Hillsborough Campus** (2<sup>nd</sup> Floor)  
UNC Hillsborough Campus, 460 Waterstone Drive, Hillsborough, NC 27278
- **GI Endoscopy Center Meadowmont** (3<sup>rd</sup> Floor)  
UNC GI Endoscopy Center, 300 Meadowmont Village Circle, Suite 302  
Chapel Hill, NC 27517

□ **Diet Changes**

In the days before your colonoscopy, you will have to change your diet, and drink your Golytely “prep” solution (generic name: Peg-3350) so that your colon will be clear of stool. It is important that you follow our directions on preparing and drinking the prep solution. **A dirty colon may cause us to reschedule your procedure.**

□ **Review your Medications**

You may need to take medications differently than you usually do. See page 2.

□ **Know Your Resources**

- **Scheduling:** To cancel your procedure, please text (984) 974-5050. To reschedule your appointment, call (984) 974-5050, and choose Option 1. When prompted again, choose Option 2. You can always call or text (984) 974-5050 for any scheduling assistance.
- **Medications:** If you have questions about medications, or about your Golytely prep (generic name: Peg-3350), please call UNC Shared Services Pharmacy at 984-974-6779, and choose Option 2.
- **Nurse:** To ask a question about your diet or other concerns, call our nurse at (984) 974-5052. The phone line is open Mon-Fri, 8am-4pm. If needed, please leave a message and a nurse will call you back as soon as possible.
- If it is after hours or over the weekend and you have an **urgent concern**, our phone lines are closed. Please call the UNC operator (984) 974-1000 and ask to speak to the “On-Call GI Fellow.” If it is an emergency, call 911.

You may need to adjust your medications. See the below chart as a guide. Call us if you have any questions or concerns about your medications. Our Pharmacy number is 984-974-6779, Option 2.

Medication Categories	Day Before Colonoscopy	Day Of
<b>Aspirin</b> (81mg or 325mg)	Take as normal	Take as normal
<b>“Over-The-Counter” Pain Medications</b> (e.g., Ibuprofen, Aleve, Motrin, Tylenol)	Take as normal	Take as normal
<b>Levothyroxine</b> (Brand Name: Synthroid)	Take as normal	Take as normal
<b>All Diet Supplements</b> (e.g., fiber, fish oil, iron, Vitamin E)	Do NOT take	Do NOT take until after procedure
<b>All Long Acting Diabetes</b> (e.g., Lantus, Basaglar, Levemir, Tresiba)	Take ½ of your regular dose	Do NOT take until after procedure
<b>All Short Acting Diabetes</b> (e.g., Humulin, Humalog, Novolin, Novolog, Metformin, Glipizide)	Take as normal	Do NOT take until after procedure
<b>Diuretics (“Water Pills”)</b> (e.g., Lasix, Hydrochlorothiazide, Aldactone, Spironolactone)	Take as normal	Do NOT take until after procedure
<b>These <i>Specific</i> Blood Pressure Medications:</b> Lisinopril, Enalapril, Quinapril, Fosinopril, Captopril, Benazepril; Losartan, Valsartan, Azilsartan, Olmesartan, Candesartan, Eprosartan, Irbesartan, Telmisartan	Take as normal	Do NOT take until after procedure
<b>Other Blood Pressure Medications</b> (e.g., Metoprolol, Amlodipine, Carvedilol)	Take as normal	Take as normal
<b>Seizure Medications</b>	Take as normal	Take as normal
<b>Anti-anxiety, Anti-depression, Anti-psychotic Medications</b>	Take as normal	Take as normal
<b>Blood Thinners</b> (e.g., Coumadin, Eliquis, Plavix, Xarelto, Brilinta, Effient, Pradaxa)	If you are on a blood thinner, our nurse should have already contacted you. Call us with questions (984-974-5052).	
<i>Again, general medication questions can be directed to our Pharmacy: (984) 974-6779, Option 2.</i>		

Prep Calendar and Diet for the **WEEK Before** your Procedure

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**6** days before

*Insert Day/Date:*

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- ✓ Make sure you have your Golytely or generic equivalent (Peg-3350). It will come from our UNC Shared Services Pharmacy along with a copy of these instructions.  
  
If you need assistance, please call Shared Services Pharmacy at (984) 974-6779, Option 2. It is open Monday through Friday, 8:30am-4:30pm.
  - ✓ Confirm your driver (see page 1), and review your medications (see page 2).
  - ✓ Start your **LOW FIBER DIET** (see page 6).
  - ✓ **Stop all fiber supplements** such as Metamucil or Citrucel.
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**5** days before,  
continue low fiber diet

*Day/Date:*

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**4** days before,  
continue low fiber diet

*Day/Date:*

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For a complete list of foods on a **LOW FIBER DIET**,  
please refer to page 6.

**3** days before,  
continue low fiber diet

*Day/Date:*

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**2** days before,  
continue low fiber diet

*Day/Date:*

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**ONE DAY** Before Your Procedure

**1** day  
before

Insert  
Day/Date:

**8:00 AM**

- ✓ **No solid food all day.** Change to a **LIQUID DIET** (see below).
- ✓ **Mix the Golytely (generic name: Peg-3350) according to package instructions, and refrigerate.**
- ✓ Review medications (see page 2)
- ✓ Drink plenty of fluids for the entire day:

<b>What I can Eat/Drink on a <i>Liquid Diet</i></b>	<b>What I need to AVOID</b>
Gelatin/Jello, but <b>not red, blue or purple in color.</b>	<b>NO SOLID FOODS</b>
Fat-free milk, fat-free yogurt, fat-free pudding (vanilla flavor only)	
Fat-free, clear broth (strain all pulp and fat, no beans or veggies)	Do NOT drink anything with particles, oil or fat. Strain first.
Clear Liquids (nothing that is red, blue, or purple): water, sports drinks, sodas (Coke or Pepsi are okay), clear juice with no pulp, coffee and tea (sugar is okay), Italian ice	No red, blue, or purple drinks (e.g., sports drinks, sodas, juices)
	No orange or pineapple juice, or any juice with pulp

**5:00 PM**

- ✓ Start your Golytely this evening. Drink one 8-ounce glass every 15-20 minutes until you have finished **HALF** of your Golytely. If working properly, you will begin to have diarrhea within 4 hours.

<b>Normal Prep Side Effects</b>		<b>Abnormal Prep Side Effects</b>	
<i>Normal</i>	<i>What to Do</i>	<i>Normal</i>	<i>What to Do</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Diarrhea</li> <li>• Bloating</li> <li>• Chills</li> <li>• Cramps</li> <li>• Nausea</li> <li>• Vomiting</li> <li>• Headache</li> <li>• Irritation of rectal area</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Drink slower</li> <li>• Take breaks</li> <li>• Drink the mixture cold, or with some ice</li> <li>• Drink through a straw</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Skin rash or itching</li> <li>• No bowel movements within 4 hours of finishing your evening prep</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Stop taking Golytely</li> <li>• After 4pm, call UNC at (984) 974-1000. The operator will contact the "GI Fellow on Call."</li> </ul> <p>For emergencies, call 911</p>

**Day of Your Procedure**

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**Day Of  
Procedure**

**The Midnight before your Procedure**

- Beginning midnight before your procedure, **STOP the LIQUID DIET.**
- You may drink your Golytely solution, water, black coffee, or black tea. (You can have sugar.)

Day/Date:

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**At least FOUR (4) hours before your procedure time**

- Drink the remainder of your Golytely. Finish it **NO LATER** than 2 hours before your procedure. Again, **NO SOLID FOODS** before your procedure **AND STOP the LIQUID DIET** from yesterday.

Time:

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**TWO (2) hours before your procedure time**

- You should be finished with your Golytely two hours before your procedure time, or two hours before you get in the car to drive here (if you live a long distance away).
- Take any approved medications (see page 4) *at least* 2 hours before your procedure time.

Remember, ***DO NOT eat or drink anything AT ALL within two hours of your procedure time or your procedure will likely be cancelled.***

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Here are some reminders for your procedure day:

- Review this packet.
- Follow Prep Calendars and Diets for the days before and the day of your procedure (see pages 3, 4 and 5).
- Plan to **arrive** 60 minutes before your scheduled appointment. Be sure to come with an adult driver (18 or older) who will take you home. You should expect to spend up to 4 hours in our procedure unit.
- Please review your medications (see page 2) and bring a list of them to your procedure.
- If you have an ostomy, please bring a new set of supplies in case it needs to be changed.
- After your procedure, our team will review the results of your procedure, observe you, and call your driver when you are ready to be discharged.
- Your driver is required to stay nearby (within 20 minutes of the procedure site) for the entire time, and sign you out after the procedure.

If you have diet questions, please call our nurse line: (984) 974-5052, Mon-Fri, 8am-4pm.

<b><i>LOW FIBER DIET (for 6, 5, 4, 3 and 2 days before your procedure)</i></b>		
<b>What I can Eat/Drink</b>		<b>What to AVOID</b>
<b>Fruits</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Applesauce</li> <li>- canned or cooked fruit without skin or seeds (only peaches, pears, apricots, apples)</li> <li>- ripe bananas</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Canned pineapple, oranges, grapefruit sections, mixed fruit</li> <li>- Raw fruit (ripe bananas are ok)</li> <li>- ALL berries</li> <li>- ALL melons</li> <li>- avocado, coconut, tomato</li> </ul>
<b>Vegetables</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Tender, well-cooked</b>, fresh, canned, and frozen vegetables, such as: peeled carrots, green beans, beets, spinach, broccoli, cauliflower</li> <li>- strained vegetable juice</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- ALL raw vegetables, such as: lettuce, onion, celery, cucumber, mushrooms, scallions, avocado</li> <li>- Vegetables with seeds</li> <li>- Tough, fibrous cooked vegetables, such as: artichokes, asparagus, broad beans, cabbage, Brussel sprouts, celery, corn, cucumber, eggplant, mushrooms, onion, peas, sauerkraut, squash, tomatoes, zucchini</li> </ul>
<b>Meats or Proteins</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Cooked and tender meat and fish such as: poultry, beef, lamb, pork, veal, fish, organ meats</li> <li>- Cheese, eggs, tofu, tuna fish</li> <li>- Smooth peanut butter</li> <li>- Other smooth nut butters, such as: smooth almond butter, smooth cashew butter</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Non-tender meats; gristle</li> <li>- Ham, hot dogs, salami, cold cuts</li> <li>- Meat substitutes that have whole grains, nuts, or seeds</li> <li>- Beans, peas, or lentils</li> <li>- Crunchy peanut butter; Any crunchy-style nut butter</li> </ul>
<b>Dairy and Dairy</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Cow's milk, cream, half &amp; half</li> <li>- Ice cream</li> <li>- Yogurt</li> <li>- Cheese</li> <li>- Oat milk, soy milk, almond milk</li> <li>- Coconut milk, coconut cream</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Fruited yogurt</li> <li>- Any ice cream or cheese with nuts or seeds (Avoid all milk products if you are lactose-intolerant.)</li> </ul>
<b>Drinks</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Coffee, tea</li> <li>- Bottled water, tap water, carbonated beverages</li> <li>- Apple juice, strained juice, fruit punch (no pulp)</li> <li>- Kool-Aid or Hi-C (no red, blue or purple colors)</li> <li>- Italian ice, sports drinks, sodas (No red, blue or purple colors. Coke or Pepsi are ok.)</li> <li>- Nutritional supplements without added fiber, such as: Boost, Ensure (chocolate, strawberry or vanilla are okay)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Any beverage that has pulp or seeds, such as: orange juice, grapefruit juice</li> <li>- Prune juice</li> <li>- Nutritional supplements that contain fiber</li> </ul>
<b>Grains, Potatoes, Rice, Starches</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Refined breads, rolls, bagels, English muffins, pita bread, biscuits, muffins, crackers, pancakes, waffles, pastries, Graham crackers</li> <li>- Refined, cooked, or cold cereals such as: hominy grits, farina, cream of wheat or rice, Cheerios, Corn/Rice Chex cereal, Corn Flakes, Rice Krispies, Special K</li> <li>- White rice</li> <li>- Refined pasta</li> <li>- Potatoes without skin</li> <li>- Sweet potatoes without skin</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Whole- or multi-grain breads</li> <li>- Whole- or multi-grain cereals</li> <li>- Whole- or multi-grain pasta</li> <li>- Bran, corn bread, granola, oatmeal</li> <li>- Any bread, cereal, cracker, pasta made with seeds, nuts, coconut, raw fruit, or dried fruit</li> <li>- Barley, brown rice, wild rice</li> <li>- Sprouted wheat, wheat germ</li> <li>- Quinoa</li> <li>- Potato skins</li> </ul>