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Patient Instructions:
Colonoscopy/Polypectomy
(HalfLyte Preparation)

Procedure Date: _____

Procedure Time: _____

Arrive at: _____

Procedure Location:

Silver Spring

10801 Lockwood Dr, Ste 110

Silver Spring, MD 20901

301.593.5110

Rockville

15005 Shady Grove Rd, Ste 300

Rockville, MD 20852

301.762.1280

Due to cancellations or physician emergencies, your procedures **time** may change. You will be called the day before to confirm **all** appointment instructions. PLEASE ALLOW ABOUT 2 HOURS TOTAL TIME FOR ALL ASPECTS OF YOUR PROCEDURES.

SEE REVERSE FOR INSTRUCTIONS, PLEASE REVIEW CAREFULLY AT LEAST SEVEN (7) DAYS BEFORE YOUR PROCEDURES.

ABOUT YOUR PROCEDURE

You need to receive a prescription from your physician to obtain **HalfLyte^{ly} and Bisacodyl tablet Bowel Prep** from your local pharmacy. Mix according to directions.

You will be sedated with an intravenous medication, and that will impair your judgment and perception. After the procedure you will have time to rest, however, you must **make arrangements for transportation home with a responsible adult (18 or older)** since lingering effects of the medication will make operating a motor vehicle hazardous for 24 hours after the procedure. *If these arrangements are not made before you come to the facility, your procedure will be cancelled.* **No one will be allowed to leave in a taxi without a responsible adult (someone 18 or older) to accompany them.**

SEVEN (7) DAYS BEFORE YOUR PROCEDURE

Do not take any **aspirin** (including Ecotrin, Bufferin, and Anacin) as well as, **iron** or iron-containing vitamins; or herbal supplements like Ginseng, Gingkoa, fish oil, Omega 3, and Garlic. If you take Plavix, Coumadin, Heparin and Lovenox, consult with your physician to know when they should be stopped.

FOUR (4) DAYS BEFORE YOUR PROCEDURE

Do not take **anti-inflammatories** (e.g., ibuprofen, Advil, Motrin, Aleve, etc.). However, Celebrex may be continued up to the day of the procedure. You can take **Acetaminophen** or **Tylenol** for discomfort.

TWO (2) DAYS BEFORE YOUR PROCEDURE

Do not eat any foods containing seeds such as tomatoes, cucumbers, rye bread, corn, celery, popcorn and nuts.

THE DAY BEFORE YOUR PROCEDURE

Do not eat any solid foods or dairy products. Drink only clear liquids for breakfast, lunch and dinner. Clear liquids include clear juices such as apple, grape and cranberry, clear broth or bouillon, tea and coffee (without milk or creamer), Jell-O, Italian ices, sodas, Gatorade, Kool Aid and water. **Drink plenty of fluids throughout the day. Jell-O, ices or any drinks with artificial red, purple or orange coloring are not allowed.**

THE DAY BEFORE YOUR PROCEDURE (CONT.)

If you are taking any medications (prescription or nonprescription) for any reason, please check with the doctor to determine whether or not to take your medications on the day of your procedure. **Please take all heart and blood pressure medications up to and including the day of your procedure.** If you are diabetic, do not take Metformin/Glucophage for 24 hours prior to your procedure. Hold all other oral diabetic medications the morning of your procedure. **Please bring to your appointment all inhalers that you use.**

TAKING YOUR PREP

The day before your procedures at 2:00pm:

1. **Take 2 bisacodyl tablets with water.**
2. **Mix HalfLyte^{ly} solution.** Tear open Flavor Packet of choice and pour into HalfLyte^{ly} bottle. Discard unused packs. Solution can be used with or without flavor packs. Add drinking water to top line of bottle. Cap bottle and shake to dissolve.
3. **Four hours after taking the bisacodyl tablet**, begin drinking **HALF** the solution as described below.
4. Drink 1 (8oz) glass every 10 minutes. A watery bowel movement should begin in about 1 hour. **Stop drinking when HALF of the solution is finished. Save the remaining HALF for the next step**
5. **Six hours prior to your scheduled procedure**, finish the remaining half by drinking 1 (8oz) glass every 10 minutes. Drink as much clear liquids as possible

You may continue drinking clear liquids up to four hours before the procedure. **During the 4 hours before your procedure, take nothing by mouth, not even water or chewing gum. However, you may still brush your teeth prior to the procedure. Please do not wear perfumed products to the appointment**

NOTE: Individual response to laxatives may vary. Please remain within easy reach of bathroom facilities.