

Colonoscopy Gastroenterology Procedure Unit

Screening Saves Lives

Colorectal Cancer is the second leading cancer killer in the United States. If you are 45 or older or have a family history of cancer, getting a colorectal screening can save your life.

- Colorectal Cancer often starts from a non-cancerous growth called a polyp that is in the rectum or colon.
- A colonoscopy can find **polyps** so that they can be removed before they turn into cancer.
- A colonoscopy can also find colorectal cancer early when the chances of being cured is good.



Colon Polyp

Preparing For Your Exam: What to Bring

- An adult (18 or older) to drive you home. You can take a cab, medical transport or bus only if an adult is riding with you after your visit.
- All medications you take, even over the counter medications
- Any vitamins and supplements you take
- Your insurance card

Medications

Call your doctor for medication instructions at least **one week before** your exam if you:

- Take Diabetes Medication
- Have a heart valve replacement
- Take Plavix, Brilinta or Aggrenox, or any other antiplatelet medications
- Take Coumadin (Warfarin), Xarelto, Pradaxa, Eliquis, Savaysa or other blood thinning medications
- Continue taking Aspirin unless told not to

CLENPIQ Bowel Prep

5 Days Before Your Exam

Fill your bowel prep prescription and review these instructions.

The colon must be cleared of all solid mater so that the doctor can see clearly. **If your colon is not clean your exam may be cancelled.**



3 Days Before Your Exam

- **Do not** eat any raw fruits, raw vegetables, seeds or nuts and no dairy.
- Stop iron and fiber supplements
- Plan for your ride home

2 Days Before Your Exam

- **Do not** eat any raw fruits, raw vegetables, seeds or nuts and no dairy.
- Refrigerate bowel prep solution

Colonoscopy: Preparing for Your Exam

The Day Before Your Exam

Do not eat any solid food. Begin clear liquid diet in the morning.

- **Examples of clear liquids are:** clear broth (chicken or beef), water, apple juice, Gatorade, popsicles and coffee or tea (no milk or creamer). You can have hard candy.
- Drink **at least 8 glasses of water** or clear liquid to stay hydrated.
- **Do not** have any red or purple liquids

5pm The Day Before Your Exam

Do not eat any solid food. Start drinking bowel prep

- Drink 1 bottle of CLENPIQ between 5 and 9pm
- Drink 5 or more of 8 ounce cups of clear liquid.
- **Do not** put the other half of the bowel prep solution in the refrigerator. Keep it at room temperature
- Hydration (drinking lots of fluids) is important before, during and after the Prep

Tips

- Drink the dose quickly.
- Try drinking with a straw.
- Rinse your mouth with water or mouthwash.
- Suck on hard candy.

5 Hours Before Your Exam

- Take your doctor approved medication.
- You can take aspirin, blood pressure medication, prednisone or other steroids.
- **Drink the second bottle of CLENPIQ. Also drink 4 or more 8 ounce cups of clear liquid.** Do not skip this step. It is important to get the cleanest colon for a successful exam.
- You may have to wake up very early if your exam is in the morning.
- Your stool should be a clear yellow liquid.

2 Hours Before Your Exam

Do not eat or drink anything or your exam may be cancelled.

Arrive to your exam 1 hour before the appointment time.

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- **Tinley Park Location:** Ingalls Family Care Center, Entrance C
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- **River East Location:** UChicago Medicine River East
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Orland Park, IL 60462 **(773) 834-9445**