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Your colonoscopy is scheduled on:

PLEASE ARRIVE AT THE FACILITY @ :	AM / PM
Date: / /	

COLONOSCOPY PREPARATION

Purchase:

- 1. Suprep (prescription only)
- 2. DULCOLAX tablets (4) (over the counter)

THE DAY <u>BEFORE</u> your Colonoscopy:

- 1. In the morning for breakfast: you can have 1 egg and 1 slice of toast
- 2. STAY ON A CLEAR LIQUID DIET THE REST OF THE DAY
- 3. AVOID ANYTHING RED, PURPLE, MILK PRODUCTS AND SOLID FOODS

 Examples of clear liquids: water, clear fruit juices such as apple, white grape, orange juice (without pulp), chicken or beef bouillon, Jell-o, clear Gatorade, soft drinks, tea, coffee without cream, Ginger ale, Italian ice. Drink plenty of the fluids on this list throughout the day to stay HYDRATED!
- 4. **3, 4, 5, or 6 PM:** Mix your 1st bottle of your prep. Pour **one** 6oz bottle of Suprep liquid into the mixing container. Add cool drinking water to the 16oz line on the container & mix. Drink ALL the liquid in the container.
- 5. IMPORTANT!!! You must then drink 2 more 16oz cups of clear liquid within the next 1 hour after drinking Suprep.
- 6. 9 PM: Take 4 DULCOLAX tablets with 8 ounces of any clear liquid or more
- 7. Nothing to drink after midnight
- **** (IF your **bowel movements are NOT clear** you will need to continue the bowel prep below) ****

DAY OF YOUR COLONOSCOPY

- 1. ____AM: Mix your second bottle of your prep. Pour one (1) 6-ounce bottle of Suprep liquid into the mixing container. Add cool drinking water to the 16-ounce line on the container and mix. Drink ALL the liquid in the container.
- 2. IMPORTANT!!! You must then drink 2 more 16oz cups of <u>WATER</u> within the next hour after drinking Suprep; do not take any other medication within 1 hour of drinking the prep.

IMPORTANT REMINDERS:

- > Call Dr. Caldarola's office **210-614-3565** at least 48 hrs in advance to notify us of any cancellations.
- ➤ No call and/or No show patients will be charged a \$100 fee for not giving a cancellation notice.
 - No aspirin, aspirin by-products or blood thinners (e.g. Plavix) for 3 days prior to your colonoscopy.
 - Nothing by mouth after the 2nd round of the prep.
 - Be sure to talk with your doctor or nurse about other medications you are currently using. It may be necessary to modify your usage for your exam.
 - Please call Doctor's office, if you have any questions or concerns.