



## Preparation for colonoscopy Bi-Peglyte – AM Exam

NAME:	Service phone number:
Appointment date:	Time:

**NB: No reminder will be provided. Please record the Date & Time of your appointment in your calendar.**

You are currently scheduled for a colonoscopy. In order to better prepare you for the exam, it is important to carefully review and follow all the steps indicated below. This will position yourself for better results and avoid the requirement to take the exam again.

Please also read the document « What is a colonoscopy? » including general instructions.

## Preparing myself for my colonoscopy

### 3 days before the exam

- ♦ Purchase the over the counter **Bi-Peglyte** product from your local pharmacy (including 3 tablets of Bisacodyls (Dulcolax)). N.B. The refrigerated solution has a more friendly taste. **Important, you can replace Bi-Peglyte with the generic product but do not substitute the type of medicine.**
- ♦ Start the restricted fiber and residue diet

Foods permitted	Foods to be avoided
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• White bread</li><li>• Refined products, pasta or cereals (Special K, Rice Krispies,...)</li><li>• White rice</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Whole grain products, pasta, rice, cereals or breads (brown, whole wheat, multigrain, oat, bran,...)</li><li>• Popcorn</li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Skinless chicken or turkey</li><li>• Liver, beef, veal, pork or other tender lean meat</li><li>• Fish, sea food</li><li>• Tofu / eggs</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Processed meat, sausages</li><li>• Fried food</li><li>• Legumes (red kidney beans, lentils, chick peas, dried peas,...)</li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Fruits other than those listed in the « Foods to be avoided » list</li><li>• Cooked vegetables (MAX 3 servings / day): asparagus tips, carrots, green or yellow wax beans, mushrooms, squash, zucchini, parsnip, potatoes</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Fruits: Plums, melon, grapes, cherries, dried fruits, kiwis, berries (strawberries, blueberries, raspberries,...), rhubarb, nectarines, fresh pineapple, orange pulp, fruit cocktail, coconut, skin and seeds of the fruits</li><li>• Jams and marmelades</li><li>• All vegetables other than those listed in the « Foods permitted » list</li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Mayonnaise, mustard, butter, margarine</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Nuts and seeds</li><li>• Pickles, olives</li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Low fat dairy products</li><li>• Sorbet</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>All foods (cheese, yogourt, soups, cereals,...) containing ingredients from the « foods to be avoided » above</b></li></ul>

**During the 3 days of preparation, it is important to hydrate yourself**

# The day before the exam

- ♦ **No solid food is allowed**
- ♦ Start in the morning immediately once you are awake, the 'clear liquids' diet for the whole day.

Liquids permitted	Liquids to be avoided
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Water</li> <li>• Clear fruit juices without pulp (apple, white grape, limonade)</li> <li>• Clear carbonated beverages (Sprite, 7Up, Ginger Ale), Gatorade</li> <li>• Non-dairy popsicles, gelatin desserts, Jello</li> <li>• Tisane, tea or coffee with nothing added</li> <li>• Clear chicken or beef broth, bouillon or consommé (without noodles or chunks)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dairy products (yogourt, milk, cream)</li> <li>• Milk substitutes (soya, rice, almond milk,...)</li> <li>• Tomato and vegetable juice</li> <li>• Red juices and beverages</li> <li>• Alcoholic beverages</li> <li>• <b>All red or purple liquids</b></li> </ul>

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## **Around 9 a.m.: Prepare the Bi-Peglyte**

- A) Pour content of 1 full packet into 1 litre of water (32 oz)  
 B) Stir for 2 or 3 minutes until the solution is clear  
 Repeat steps A) and B) with the second packet. Store both solutions in the refrigerator to improve the taste.

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## **At 1 p.m.: Take the 3 Bisacodyl (Dulcolax) tablets with water**

- ♦ Do not chew or crush the tablets.
- ♦ No antacids (stomach medications) are allowed prior to one hour after taking the Bisacodyl tablets.

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## **At 6 p.m.:**

**Drink the first litre of solution. One glass every 15 minutes until you have finished the entire litre of solution.**

If you experience nausea or vomiting, take a break and continue with reduced quantities of the solution until complete dosage (1L) is taken. If needed, you can take Gravol to relieve nausea and vomiting.

The first bowel movement should occur approximately one hour after the start of the solution and last 1 to 2 hours after preparation. The most common side effects in preparing your colon are nausea, bloating and a feeling that you have eaten too much. These effects are temporary.

# The day of the exam

**5 hours prior to your scheduled exam:** Drink the second litre of the Bi-Peglyte solution in 1 hour (1 glass every 15 minutes)

**3 hours prior to your scheduled exam:** Completely stop the liquid diet. You must be **fasting**

\*For any emergency or additional information, you can contact the number at the top of this form or call the 'Info-santé' at 811.