

Endoscopy Auckland

If you are not a previous patient,
please ensure you have returned
your Patient Particulars form.

PREPARATION FOR COLONOSCOPY

YOUR APPOINTMENT IS:

Date: _____ Day: _____ Arrival time: _____

Please adhere to instructions given by Endoscopy Auckland instead of instructions given with GLYCOPREP.

A colonoscopy is a visual examination of the bowel using a narrow flexible telescope. It is an important examination used for the diagnosis and treatment of bowel conditions. To obtain good views of the bowel lining, the bowel must be completely empty. This is achieved with the help of a preparation called **GLYCOPREP**, available at your chemist. GLYCOPREP consists of saline and electrolytes designed to liquefy the stool and wash it out of the bowel.

If you suffer from any medical condition that may require specialised information or treatment during preparation/procedure, please contact Endoscopy Auckland for advice.

MEDICATIONS:

If you are taking Iron tablets please discontinue them one (1) week prior to the test.

If you are taking Aspirin, Cartia, Warfarin or any other anti-coagulant tablets regularly, please advise Endoscopy Auckland beforehand.

If you are a diabetic it is important to notify Endoscopy Auckland, as there are special instructions for preparation.

You can take all other usual medications 4 hours prior to beginning or 4 hours after completing GLYCOPREP to allow for absorption.

THINGS TO DO PRIOR TO YOUR APPOINTMENT

You are advised to contact your medical insurance company to obtain a prior approval number or letter. This makes payment easier.

Organise a family member or friend (or a taxi) to drop you at Endoscopy Auckland and collect you approximately 1½ hours after your appointment time.

Because a sedative is used it is very important you DO NOT drive or operate machinery or dangerous appliances, on the day of the procedure.

THINGS TO BRING WITH YOU TO YOUR APPOINTMENT

Any x-rays and/or barium studies relevant to your examination (if available).

Your medications or a list of them.

Your medical insurance prior approval number or letter (if relevant).

ACCOUNTS ARE PAYABLE AT THE COMPLETION OF THE PROCEDURE (if no prior approval has been obtained)

If for some reason you also require antibiotics (you will be told at the time) there is an extra cost of between \$5.00 - \$55.00.

TWO DAYS BEFORE EXAMINATION:

- Begin *low fibre* diet (see back page of this leaflet for guidelines).

DAY BEFORE EXAMINATION:

- Morning - continue with low fibre diet.
- Afternoon – low fibre lunch. From 1.00pm **STOP ALL SOLID FOOD until after your procedure** - drink *clear fluids* only (see back page).
- Evening – mix up the 200g pack of Glycoprep with three (3) litres of water and put in the fridge to chill
- Take two (2) Dulcolax (bisacodyl) tablets between 5.00pm and 6.00pm.

Clear fluids are encouraged. During your preparation it is important to drink plenty of clear fluids.

Note: If you have a dry mouth or feel dehydrated, drink more fluids or water with one teaspoon of sugar and half teaspoon salt per glass.

DAY OF EXAMINATION - CED UR ECE DR E ON O FOOD TODAY

- Start drinking the GLYCOPREP mixture at 6.00am. Aim to drink 1-2 glasses every 15-20 minutes until completed. Some people find it easier to drink if they add a flavour such as lime cordial. This is fine so long as what is added is a clear fluid.
 - Complete clearance of the bowel can take 6 hours, so do not worry if you are not clear by the end of the mixture.
 - You may have tea, coffee or fruit juice between litres and at the end to help get rid of the taste. Barley sugar and boiled sweets are also helpful during this time.
- STOP ALL FLUIDS TWO HOURS BEFORE APPOINTMENT**

Note: Because this preparation will cause multiple bowel motions it is advisable that you remain within easy reach of toilet facilities, therefore you may be more comfortable in your home environment. Individual responses to laxatives do vary - the preparation often works within 30 minutes but may take up to three hours.

ONLY BY CARRYING OUT THE PREPARATION AS ABOVE WILL THE BOWEL BE CLEAN ENOUGH FOR THE PROCEDURE TO BE CARRIED OUT.

Do not hesitate to telephone **Endoscopy Auckland** if you have any queries or doubts about this appointment or about the preparation.

SUGGESTED DIET BEFORE COLONOSCOPY

LOW FIBRE DIET

Rice bubbles, or cornflakes (use reduced fat milk only)
Eggs (not fried), omelettes, plain tinned spaghetti
White bread or toast (not high fibre)
Plain crackers (not wholemeal or multigrain), plain scones (no sultanas, dates), plain biscuits (Arrowroot or Wine)
Butter, margarine, cheese
Honey, marmalade
Marmite, Vegemite
Fish, skinless chicken (not fried or highly seasoned)
White rice, plain pasta, skinless potatoes or kumara

NO fruit, vegetables, pips, seeds, red meat, brown bread, muesli.

CLEAR FLUIDS

You are encouraged to drink as much clear fluid as possible to help clear your bowel and prevent dehydration. For comfort or to give variation of taste, try alternating clear fluids during your bowel preparation.

Water
Lemon flavoured energy drinks, colourless cordials and carbonated drinks
Strained fruit juice, some soups (e.g. strained chicken noodle)
Lemon ice blocks, light coloured jellies, barley sugars, boiled sweets
Tea and coffee – you may use a little reduced fat milk if you wish but do not consume milk based products like latte, cappuccino or yoghurt

NO highly coloured (i.e. red, purple, green) drinks.

PLEASE NOTE:

If you are feeling nauseous, gingerale may help due to its natural anti-nausea properties.
It is not unusual to feel cold or bloated when drinking the bowel preparation. Wear warm comfortable clothing and try short walks to help alleviate bloating. Vaseline can be wiped around the anus to reduce discomfort during bowel cleansing. It is important to drink **the full amount** of bowel preparation to achieve adequate cleansing of the bowel.

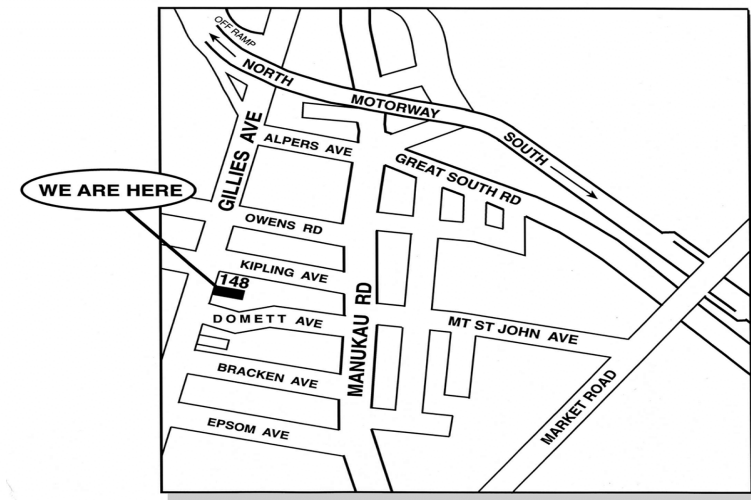
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