

Endoscopy Auckland

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 MOVIPREP.

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 **MOVIPREP - you will need to contact your chemist at least 4 days prior to your appointment to ensure they have the MOVIPREP available for you.** (You will need a box of MOVIPREP).

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 1 hour prior to beginning or 1 hour after completing MOVIPREP 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.

THREE DAYS BEFORE EXAMINATION until after the examination, avoid foods containing seeds, nuts, pips, wholegrains.

EVENING BEFORE EXAMINATION

- **Have a light dinner** (see over for light diet suggestions)
- Do not be tempted to eat a heavy, solid meal.
- **After dinner STOP ALL FOOD until after your procedure** – drink only *clear fluids*.

1 HOUR AFTER DINNER

- Mix together the contents of 1 sachet A and 1 sachet B in a jug, then add in a litre of water. Stir the solution until the powder has dissolved and the MOVIPREP solution is clear or slightly hazy. Drink the entire litre over an hour. Then over the next ½ hour, drink 2 x 250ml glassfuls of *clear fluid*. Allow another TWO hours for the MOVIPREP to work. You will experience increasingly watery stools, this is normal, so ensure you can get to a toilet easily. When you are no longer experiencing watery stools go to bed as usual.

DAY OF EXAMINATION – REMEMBER NO SOLID FOOD TODAY

- Drink *clear fluids* only.
- **At least 4 hours before you leave for your appointment:** Mix together the contents of the remaining sachet A and sachet B in a jug, then add in a litre of water. Stir the solution until the powder has dissolved and the MOVIPREP solution is clear or slightly hazy. Drink the entire litre over an hour. Follow this with 2 x 250ml glassfuls of *clear fluid* over the next ½ hour. Allow another TWO hours for MOVIPREP to work. You will experience increasingly watery stools, this is normal, so ensure you can get to a toilet easily.
- **CLEAR FLUIDS ONLY – BUT STOP ALL FLUIDS TWO HOURS BEFORE APPOINTMENT**

Clear fluids - water, tea/coffee, clear soup, soft drink, cordial, fruit juice without pulp. NO BLACKCURRANT OR ANY RED OR PURPLE DRINKS.

Note: Because this preparation will cause multiple watery 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

LIGHT 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 nauseated, 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.

Please contact Endoscopy Auckland if you require further assistance.

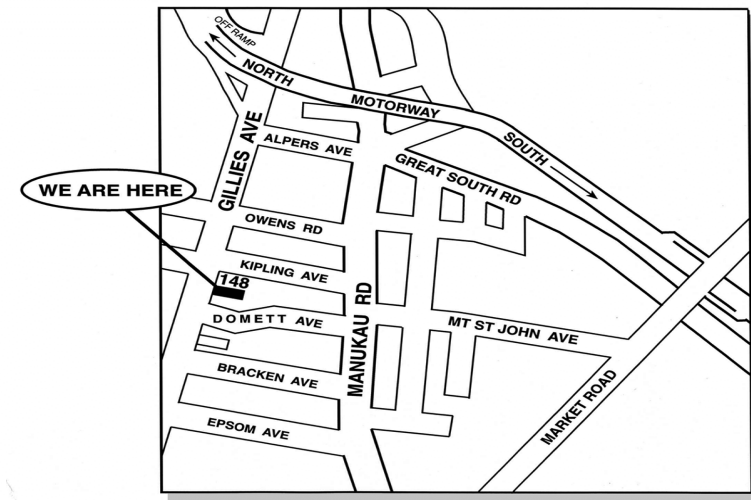


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Instructions using MOVIPREP for afternoon colonoscopy



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