## 5 Day Prep

Review the preparation schedule below for the 5 days preceding your colonoscopy. If you need further assistance please call (210)268-0124.

<u>5 Days Prior</u> Purchase your bowel prep kit given to you by doctor, a bottle of magnesium citrate, and dulcolax laxatives. Arrange for someone to drive you home after the procedure. Stop Aspirin and blood thinners such as Coumadin, Plavix, Fish oil, and Vitamin E as well.

<u>4 Days Prior</u> Begin low fiber diet. Start to avoid heavy foods. Drink plenty of water for the rest of the day.

<u>3 Days Prior</u> Drink at least 8 glasses of water throughout the day. \*\* Remember the more water you drink over the next three days the better the prep works for an excellent procedure. Your bowel prep is extremely important to have a clean colon so that your doctor may visualize any abnormalities. \*\*

**2 Days Prior** Have a light breakfast in the morning, followed by clear liquids throughout the day. At 12:00 noon take 2 dulcolax laxatives, followed by more clear liquids. At 7:00 pm drink the 1 one bottle of Magnesium Citrate.

<u>1 Day Prior</u> Begin clear liquid. Includes tea, coffee without the creamer, soft drinks, fruit juices, light soup, broth or bouillon, jello, Popsicle. **Please remember you may not have** anything red, purple, or dairy. Continue to drink lots of water. And Start your prep as directed.

**Procedure Day** You may only take your blood pressure medication with just a sip of water enough for your pill to go down. Please bring your insurance cards, picture id, and a driver. You will be at the surgery center for about 2 ½ to 3 hours.

Please call our office if you have any questions.

\*\*\*\*\*Please <u>drink lots of water</u> while doing your prep, and <u>throughout</u> the day. The more water you drink the cleaner your colon will be and <u>you won't have to repeat your procedure.</u> \*\*\*\*\*