

Plenvu[®] Colonoscopy Prep



Important Prep Instructions:

Please read the entire letter. It will take you several days to prepare for this test. You may also need to stop taking certain medications up to a week in advance. We recommend that you post these instructions on your fridge at home to help remind you of the steps you'll need to take.

Important Testing Information:

Make sure to follow the prep instructions below completely, including stopping any medication that may impact your colonoscopy and results.

- On the day of your procedure, you will need to take the day off from work.
- We require that you have a friend or family member drive you home after your procedure. You **may not walk, leave by taxi, bus, ride share or bicycle.** You will be receiving sedation medication that will cause you to be groggy and you will not be able to drive until the next day. Your driver will need to be with you when you check in and remain available to sign you out after your procedure.
- We will ask that you remove all jewelry and leave any valuables at home. (It is okay to bring your cell phone.) You should bring inhalers, oxygen, reading glasses or hearing aids if you use them.

Insurance and Financial Responsibility

- If your insurance has changed, please let us know before your procedure.
- After your procedure is scheduled, you may receive a call from Presbyterian to verify your information and insurance coverage. If you have questions, call (505) 923-8300.
- If you need financial assistance for the procedure, or if you have financial or billing questions, please call (505) 923-6600.
- If your insurance requires a referral before your procedure, it must be current at the time of your procedure, or you may be liable for payment.
- Bring your insurance card(s) with you the day of your procedure.

Purchases Before Your Procedure

- Fill the prescription for Plenvu[®] (we will send this electronically to your pharmacy).
- A supply of liquids (see the list of liquids safe to drink on the next page).
- You may also want body wipes or A&D ointment in case you become sore.

7-14 Days Before Your Colonoscopy

- If you have diabetes, we recommend talking with your endocrinologist or primary care provider if any bridge for antidiabetic therapy is needed for that time period.

5 Days Before Your Colonoscopy

If you take blood thinners, stop taking them 5 days before your procedure. This includes any Coumadin® (warfarin), Plavix® (clopidogrel), Persantine® (dipyridamole) or Ticlid® (ticlopidine).

- **DO NOT** discontinue these medications without instructions from your cardiologist, prescribing physician or anticoagulation clinic. Contact your prescribing physician for instructions.
- **DO NOT** take the following medications: Alka Seltzer®, Pepto Bismol®, iron supplements, omega 3, fish oils, vitamin E.
- **If your provider does not want you to stop these medications, please call us at (505) 224-7000.**
- **DO NOT** eat foods that contain seeds, corn or nuts.

Stop taking Eliquis® (apixaban), Xarelto® (rivaroxaban) or Pradaxa® (dabigatran etexilate) 2 days before your procedure. Do not discontinue these medications without instructions from your cardiologist, prescribing physician or anticoagulation clinic. Contact your prescribing physician for instructions.

If your provider does not want you to stop these medications, please call us at (505) 224-7000.

Helpful Information About Your Colonoscopy Prep

- You will have diarrhea from the medication. This will start a few minutes to three hours after you start the prep.
- You will need access to a toilet once you begin, so plan your day with this in mind.
- Most people have bloating and abdominal discomfort. This is normal!
- If you have nausea or begin vomiting while going through the prep steps on each day, slow down.
- You must follow a clear liquid diet with no solid food and can only have:
 - Water
 - Clear broth soups
 - Herbal tea, black tea, or coffee (no cream or non-dairy creamer)
 - Watered down (diluted/from concentrate) clear fruit juices (no pulp) including apple juice or white grape juice
 - Clear soda
 - Gelatin (without added fruit or toppings)
 - Popsicles (no fruit or fruit pulp)
 - Strained limeade or lemonade
 - No alcohol, wine or beer

The Day Before Your Colonoscopy

- **DO NOT EAT ANY SOLID FOODS!** You can only drink clear liquids for breakfast, lunch and dinner. See the list of clear liquids on the previous page.
- Avoid red, orange and purple colored Jell-O and Gatorade. This discolors your stool and interferes with the colonoscopy.

At 6 p.m. the Night Before Your Colonoscopy

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| Step 1: | Empty dose 1 into the mixing container that comes with your Plenvu between 4:00 a.m. and 6:00 a.m. Add water to the fill line. You need at least 16 oz. Mix the water and Plenvu [®] together with a spoon, or put lid on mixing container securely and shake the water and Plenvu [®] , until it is completely dissolved. This can take 2 to 3 minutes. |
| Step 2: | Drink the entire contents of the mixing container over the next 30 minutes. If you feel like you have severe stomach pain or discomfort, you can stop taking Plenvu [®] for a short time and then continue taking it, or you can take smaller sips of Plenvu [®] so that you drink your dose over more than 30 minutes. If you still have severe stomach pain, call our office. |
| Step 3: | Rinse the mixing container with water. Refill to fill line with clear liquids. This will be at least 16 oz. Drink the entire contents of the mixing container over the next 30 minutes. |
| Step 4: | After drinking your 16 oz of water mixed with Plenvu [®] and the 16 oz of clear liquids, it is important that you drink additional clear liquids in the morning before dose 2 to help avoid dehydration. |

The Day Of Your Colonoscopy

- **DO NOT EAT ANY SOLID FOODS!** Continue to drink only clear liquids until after the colonoscopy.

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| Step 1: | Take dose 2. Make sure you finish dose 2 at least 6 hours before your colonoscopy. Rinse the mixing container with water. Empty two dose pouches (dose 2 pouch A and dose 2 pouch B) into the mixing container at the same time. Add water to the fill line. Mix the water and Plenvu® together with a spoon, or put the lid on mixing container securely and shake the water and Plenvu®, until it is completely dissolved. This can take 2 to 3 minutes. |
| Step 2: | Drink the entire contents of the mixing container over the next 30 minutes. If you feel like you have severe stomach pain or discomfort, you can stop taking Plenvu® for a short time and then continue taking it, or you can take smaller sips of Plenvu so that you drink your dose for greater than 30 minutes. If you still have severe stomach pain, call our office. |
| Step 3: | Rinse the mixing container with water. Refill to the fill line with clear liquids. This will be at least 16 oz. Drink the entire contents of the mixing container over the next 30 minutes. |
| Step 4: | Continue to drink additional clear liquids to help avoid dehydration. You must stop drinking all liquids at least 4 hours before your colonoscopy. |

- **DO NOT** take other laxatives while taking Plenvu®.
- **DO NOT** chew on gum, eat hard candy, or use cannabis the day of your procedure.
- **DO NOT** drink anything after you get to our GI lab for your procedure.

Call our office at **(505) 224-7000** during business and after hours if:

- **You cannot complete the bowel preparation as ordered**
- **You have the following symptoms after your procedure:**
 - Nausea
 - Vomiting
 - Fever
 - Chills
 - Bleeding
 - Abdominal pain

We require that you contact us at least 72 hours before your scheduled test if you wish to cancel your procedure.

There is a risk of bleeding from the polyp removal site(s) up to 14 days after your procedure.

We recommend not traveling anywhere emergency services may not be available during that time period.