# Before your procedure

- The date of your procedure will be given to you after your pre-op consultation
- You are required to have a negative COVID test before your procedure.

• Please get a COVID test **two (2) days before your procedure**.

Pre surgical COVID-19 testing is available daily from 9am-6pm (no appointment needed)

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- The day before your procedure a member of the OR team will call you to review your medical history, pre-op instructions and to direct you what time you will need to arrive at SPH the day of your procedure
  - Please note we are unable to provide specific surgical time slots prior to the day before
- If you are taking any blood thinners, please be sure to talk to your doctor
- Please do not plan on working, driving or making any critical decisions the rest of the day after your procedure due to sedation given
- You must arrange for a ride home from the hospital by a responsible adult. You may not use a taxi service
- Please note; if biopsies are taken during your procedure, results will be available approximately 2 weeks after your procedure. You will be contacted by our office with those results.

If you have questions or concerns please call Peninsula Surgical Clinic at (907)235-3225

or

South Peninsula Hospital Surgery Department at (907) 235-0260

## **Colonoscopy Bowel Preparation Instructions**

Please remember, the bowel prep is essential for a clear diagnosis. An adequate clean out allows for the best evaluation of your entire colon and reduces the need for repeat procedures

Purchase the following over the counter items (generic substitutions are acceptable, ask your

pharmacist for assistance if needed)

- o SPORT DRINKS (2) Thirty two ounce bottles (Gator-aid, Power-aid)
  - No purple or red
- DULCOLAX 5 MG tablets (4 tablets)
- MIRALAX (238 gram bottle or two 119 gram bottles)
  - During the prep, using baby wipes may ease some of your discomfort

### **• NO SOLID FOOD THE DAY BEFORE OR THE DAY OF YOUR PROCEDURE**

- No alcohol
- o Clear liquids only from the time you wake up, until after your procedure

#### Some examples of acceptable clear liquids:

- o Water, clear fruit juices (apple or white grape)
- o Chicken, vegetable or beef broth or bouillon
- Jell-O (no purple or red)
- Popsicles
- o Clear soft drinks
- Coffee or tea (no cream)
- No milk or milk products, no alternative or nut milks or alternative dairy products, no orange juice, no alcohol
- 3 PM: Take 2 DULCOLAX tablets
- 5 PM: Mix half the bottle of MIRALAX into one bottle of SPORTS DRINK
  - ✓ Shake the solution until fully dissolved.
  - ✓ Drink an 8-ounce glass every 15 to 30 minutes until the solution is gone.
- 6 PM: Mix the remaining half of the bottle of MIRALAX into the other bottle of SPORTS DRINK
  - ✓ Shake the solution until fully dissolved.
  - ✓ Drink an 8-ounce glass every 15 to 30 minutes until the solution is gone.
- 7 PM: Take the last 2 DULCOLAX tablets

\*If needed you may drink clear liquids until you go to bed, you may take any necessary medications with a sip of water

NOTHING BY MOUTH AFTER MIDNIGHT