



At Astera Health, our skilled team is dedicated to providing you and your loved ones with personalized services and compassionate care. We are always here to answer any questions you have about your colonoscopy screening.

Please call your insurance company with questions about your coverage. The phone number is on the back of your insurance card. If you need help or have questions about our Financial Assistance program, contact our Patient Financial Advocates at **218-631-3510 ext. 7437**.



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MiraLAX Preparation

Colonoscopy Preparation

 Date of procedure: _____

 Surgeon: _____

 Surgery: 218-631-7557

General Surgery Coordinator: 218-631-5202

Pick up your prep at: _____



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MiraLAX Colonoscopy Prep

TWO WEEKS BEFORE

- Surgery Scheduler will call you with a date for your procedure.
- General Surgery Coordinator will call you to review your health history and discuss the procedure with you. They will also help you schedule your preoperative exam, if needed.
- General Surgery Coordinator will review medications and let you know which ones are okay to take before your colonoscopy.
- If new medications are prescribed at your pre-op appointment, please report to the General Surgery Coordinator.

ONE WEEK BEFORE

- ☐ Your preoperative exam has been complete within 30 days of surgery
- ☐ You have picked up your colonoscopy prep from pharmacy

Medicine Instructions:

- Stop taking any multivitamins, oil capsules, medicines with iron, over-the-counter blood thinning pain relievers and supplements such as Aspirin (Excedrin), Ibuprofen (Advil), Naproxen (Aleve), and Fish Oil. You may continue Acetaminophen (Tylenol).
- Blood Thinners: Your primary care provider will discuss this at your preoperative appointment.
- Diabetes: Your primary care provider will instruct you on medicines or insulin.

TWO DAYS BEFORE

- Begin a low fiber diet per included diet instructions.
- Stop taking Fiber Supplements such as Citrucel, Metamucil, Benefiber, Fibercon, and others.
- Drink plenty of liquids throughout the day.
- Review colonoscopy prep instructions for the next day.
- Ensure you have someone to bring you home as you will not be able to drive the rest of the day following your procedure.
- Mix the MiraLAX from the pharmacy with 64-oz of Gatorade (no RED or PURPLE) and refrigerate.

THE DAY BEFORE COLONOSCOPY

- Throughout the day, drink only CLEAR liquids that are NOT color RED or Purple. See the attached diet sheet.
- Do not eat any solid food.
- At 3 p.m. take 4 bisacodyl (Dulcolax) tablets.
- Between 5 - 7 p.m., drink the 64-oz. MiraLAX/Gatorade mixture.
- At 9 p.m. take 4 more bisacodyl (Dulcolax) tablets.
- After your prep is finished drink only clear fluids per list below.
- Do not eat or drink anything after midnight.

DAY OF YOUR COLONOSCOPY

- Do not eat, drink, smoke, chew gum or eat hard candies after midnight.
- Medications taken the morning of surgery should be taken with a small sip of water.
- Do not apply lotions, powders, or creams to your skin.
- Wear loose-fitting, comfortable clothing.
- Bring insurance information.
- Leave unnecessary items at home. We will have a locked area for required belongings.

If you have questions, concerns or problems arise prior to your arrival, please call the General Surgery Coordinator:

Sara Nelson
(218) 631-5202
8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.



Clear liquids include the following if they are NOT colored RED or PURPLE:

- Water
- Gatorade
- Carbonated and non-carbonated soft drinks
- Popsicles
- Kool-Aid (or other fruit flavored drinks)
- Plain Jell-O
- Hard candy
- Broth (chicken or beef)
- Coffee or tea
- Strained fruit juices without pulp (apple, white grape, lemonade)

THINGS TO KNOW



An adult must accompany you.

After your procedure, you will be observed until you are alert enough to leave with a friend or family member who can help you as you are discharged.



Arrange for transportation home.

Someone will need to drive you home after your colonoscopy. Or, if you plan to use public transportation, you must have an adult accompany you on the bus.



Where to park.

Astera Health is located at 421 11th St. NW in Wadena. Please park in the Emergency parking lot and enter through the Emergency door.



Inclement weather.

If weather prevents travel, please call **218-631-7581** to reschedule your procedure.



If you are sick the day before your colonoscopy.

If you have a cold, fever, cough, runny nose or sore throat the day before your colonoscopy, call **218-631-7557**. For your safety, we may need to reschedule your procedure.



Remember.

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We're here to help.

If you have questions or concerns about your colonoscopy, please call the General Surgery Coordinator:

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