

# Patient Statement for Colonoscopy

**To schedule a colonoscopy, complete and return:**

- Patient Statement for Colonoscopy
- Patient Registration
- Colonoscopy Questionnaire

**To submit these forms you can:**

Drop it off at our office:

3116 Willett Drive  
Laramie, WY 82072

Mail it to us:

Ivinson Medical Group  
Attn: Surgical Clinic RN  
3116 Willett Drive  
Laramie, WY 82072

Or fax it to us:

307-755-4539

Scheduling my screening colonoscopy by the phone is designed to allow healthy, age appropriate patients to have a screening colonoscopy without an office visit. The attached questionnaire will be carefully reviewed and I may be called for points of clarification. For my safety, depending on the answers provided, I understand I may be scheduled directly for a Screening Colonoscopy or if I do not meet criteria, an office visit will be scheduled.

I understand that by choosing to pursue a Colonoscopy I have not, nor during this process will I have, a GI consultation. I understand that I have the choice to make an appointment for an office visit to discuss colonoscopy and have declined to do so. I also understand that I will require a separate office visit to address any GI complications I might have.

If I am scheduled directly for a screening colonoscopy I will be called regarding preparation for the procedure, the procedure itself, and post-procedure concerns; I will get a brief physical exam on the morning of the procedure. I will read the information provided and make sure that I understand and will be able to comply with the instructions given.

I understand that, while not likely, there are risks involved with colonoscopy as with any medical procedure. These risks are outlined in the information that I have received. I have reviewed this information to my complete satisfaction and I understand the risks and the benefits of colonoscopy.

Should I have any changes in my health status or insurance after being scheduled, or any questions about the information I receive by mail I will call the office.

I understand that I must have someone drive me to the procedure and wait at the hospital to drive me home. Without a driver in attendance the procedure will be cancelled.

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Patient or Personal Representative (sign)

Date / Time

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Patient or Personal Representative (print)

Relationship to Patient (if not patient)



### Patient Demographics

Name (Last, First M.I.): \_\_\_\_\_

Address (Street, City, State, Zip): \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

I would like to be signed up for IMH's patient portal using the email address above:  Yes  No

May we leave voice mail messages regarding your care?  Yes\*  No

\*If we leave messages, it is your responsibility to return the call to discuss your care with us.

Preferred Contact:  Phone  Text  Email  Mail

Social Security Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth (M/D/Y): \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_

Marital Status:  Single  Married  Divorced  Separated  Widowed

### Emergency Contact

Name (Last, First): \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship to Patient: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

### Patient Employer

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address (Street): \_\_\_\_\_

Address (City, State, Zip): \_\_\_\_\_

### Patient Insurance

#### Primary

Insurance: \_\_\_\_\_

Policy #: \_\_\_\_\_

Group #: \_\_\_\_\_

#### Policy Holder:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth (M/D/Y): \_\_\_\_\_

Co-Pay: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

#### Secondary

Insurance: \_\_\_\_\_

Policy #: \_\_\_\_\_

Group #: \_\_\_\_\_

#### Policy Holder:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth (M/D/Y): \_\_\_\_\_

Co-Pay: \$ \_\_\_\_\_



# Colonoscopy Questionnaire

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Ivinson Medical Group has developed a program which allows healthy individuals to schedule screening colonoscopy without the need for an office visit before the procedure. If your physician has suggested that you have a colonoscopy, you may have qualified for this program. Of course, not all patients will be able to safely undergo colonoscopy without a more detailed evaluation of their health history and their risks for the procedure. If that is the case for you, we will help you schedule an office visit so that a physician can review your medical history, assess your current conditions, and determine how to best meet your health needs.

Please complete the following questionnaire. Our office will contact you within 10 days.

How old are you today? \_\_\_\_\_

Have you had a colonoscopy in the past?.....  Yes  No

If yes, when? \_\_\_\_\_ Where? \_\_\_\_\_

What were the results? \_\_\_\_\_

Why are you requesting a colonoscopy? \_\_\_\_\_

Is there a family history of colon cancer or polyps? .....  Yes  No

If yes, who? \_\_\_\_\_

Do you have any gastrointestinal symptoms such as abdominal pain, bleeding, weight loss, diarrhea, constipation, or anemia? .....  Yes  No

**Have you ever had any of the following?**

Ulcerative colitis or Crohn’s disease? .....  Yes  No

Heart attack, irregular heartbeat, coronary artery bypass or stent placement, stroke, seizure, fainting spells or congestive heart failure? .....  Yes  No

Renal failure or dialysis? .....  Yes  No

Respiratory problems? (COPD, emphysema, home oxygen, or asthma) .....  Yes  No

Diabetes or sleep apnea? .....  Yes  No

Defibrillator, pacemaker, or artificial heart valve? .....  Yes  No

Organ transplant, other than cornea? .....  Yes  No

Do you have MRSA? (Methicillin-Resistant Staphylococcus Aureus) .....  Yes  No

Have you had a joint replacement? .....  Yes  No

Do you smoke? .....  Yes  No

If yes, how often and how much? \_\_\_\_\_

Do you take any of these blood thinning medications? (check any you take daily)

- |   |   |  |   |
|---|---|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Coumadin (warfarin)  | <input type="checkbox"/> Trental (pentoxifylline) | <input type="checkbox"/> Pradaxa (dabigatan)   | <input type="checkbox"/> Aspirin            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Plavix (clopidogrel) | <input type="checkbox"/> Xarelto (rivaroxaban)    | <input type="checkbox"/> Lovenox (enoxaparain) | <input type="checkbox"/> Eliquis (apixaban) |



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Do you have any bleeding problems? .....  Yes  No

If yes, please list them: \_\_\_\_\_

Do you have any allergies to medications or eggs? .....  Yes  No

If yes, please list them: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

List all medications you take including herbals and other over the counter medications:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Have you had difficulty with anesthesia other than nausea? .....  Yes  No

Are you able to walk without assistance? .....  Yes  No

What is your height (ft, in)? \_\_\_\_\_ What is your weight (lbs)? \_\_\_\_\_



This information sheet is provided to help you understand colonoscopy. If you have questions after reading this sheet, please do not hesitate to ask them. Upon your arrival at the facility for your procedure you will be asked to sign a consent form.

**What is a colonoscopy?** Colonoscopy is an examination of the large intestine using a flexible tube (colonoscope) with a video camera at the end. The tube is inserted into the rectum and advanced through the colon. At the time of the examination the doctor can take tissue samples (biopsies) or remove abnormal growths such as polyps. Other procedures are sometimes performed such as applying clips or electrocautery to prevent or control bleeding, or injecting dye. Patients are given medication through an intravenous line (IV) and are sleepy or asleep throughout the procedure. On average, the procedure takes between 20 minutes to an hour.

**Why is a colonoscopy done?** Colonoscopy is done to detect colon cancer or pre-cancerous polyps in both average risk individuals and in those with an increased risk of colon cancer, such as those with a family history of colon cancer or a personal history of inflammatory bowel disease. It is also done as part of the evaluation of symptoms such as rectal bleeding, diarrhea, change in bowel habits and other conditions.

**What is the success rate of a colonoscopy?** An examination of the entire colon is possible in most patients. Occasionally a complete examination is not possible because of narrowing of the colon, the presence of an unusually long and twisty colon, or looping and sharp angulation (usually from scarring related to previous surgery or diverticulitis). Even when the entire colon can be reached with a colonoscope, there is a chance that a polyp or other abnormality will not be seen. This chance is higher when pre-colonoscopy cleansing of the colon is not adequate, but still exists even when the colon is well prepared. If the examination is incomplete, you may need additional testing such as a barium enema x-ray or CT colonography (virtual colonoscopy), or perhaps another colonoscopy.

**What are the risks of a colonoscopy and associated procedures?** Colonoscopy is considered a relatively safe procedure, but serious complications occur in about 1 person out of 100 (0.1%). These complications include infection, perforation (puncture or tear of the bowel wall creating a hole), bleeding (frequently from a treatment site, such as the place where a polyp was removed), cardiac problems such as a heart attack or rhythm disturbances, sedation related complications such as aspiration or decreased respiration, and even death which is quite rare. While a complete listing of possible rare complications would be quite lengthy, this list includes some of the most significant risks.

**What are the alternatives to colonoscopy?** There are several other methods which can be used to examine the bowel. These include a limited examination which is confined to the rectum and lowest portion of the colon (flexible sigmoidoscopy), barium enema x-ray, and CT colonography (virtual colonoscopy). Examination of the stool for presence of microscopic amounts of blood can be used as a screening technique for colon cancer.

**What can I expect after the procedure?** You may feel bloated or have cramping 1-2 hours after the procedure is complete. You may feel tired and need to take a nap once you are back home. It is common to go for a day or two without a bowel movement. If biopsies are done or a polyp is removed, you may see a small amount of bleeding from the rectum. You should plan to eat a light meal after the procedure, and then return to a normal diet if you are feeling fine. You should be completely recovered and able to return to your usual activities the next day. You cannot drive for a minimum of 12 hours after your sedated procedure.



# Colonoscopy Preparation Instructions (Dulcolax/Miralax/Gatorade)

*Procedure times are determined by the OR. Expect a phone call from Iverson pre-op 1–3 weeks prior to your scheduled procedure date, with details regarding your arrival time and instructions. Pre-op will make a reminder call the afternoon before your procedure.*

## **ONE WEEK PRIOR TO THE PROCEDURE**

Unless you are told by your physician, you should stop taking all blood thinners, iron pills or multivitamins that contain iron 7 days prior to your procedure. Examples of blood thinners include: Coumadin, Heparin, Aspirin, Percodan, and Alka-seltzer. You must stop any anti-inflammatory type drugs including Empirin, Ecotrin, Bufferin, Ascriptin, Ibuprofen, Motrin, Advil, Medipren, Nuprin, Naproxen, Naprosyn, Sulindac, Clinoril, Piroxicam, Feldene, Indomethacin, Indocin, Diclofenac, Voltaren, or Mobic. If you are taking iron or blood thinners notify your doctor. Tylenol and other brands which contain acetaminophen are safe to use prior to this procedure.

## **THREE DAYS BEFORE THE PROCEDURE**

### **LOW FIBER DIET...STOP EATING THE FOLLOWING FOODS:**

Fruits and vegetables with seeds and skins (tomatoes, grapes, apple peelings, potato skins, etc.), roughage foods such as leafy green vegetables or salads, all beans, corn, popcorn, cornbread, pumpernickel bread, nuts coconut, dried fruits, or foods made with whole grains, oats, bran, wheat, or granola. You may eat meat, white bread, pasta, rice, potatoes, dairy, and eggs, etc. Discontinue any fiber supplements such as Metamucil, Citrucel, Benefiber, etc.

### **YOU WILL NEED TO PURCHASE (at least 2-3 days before your procedure):**

1. Bisacodyl (Dulcolax), 5 mg tablets, you will need 4 tablets
2. One 8.3 ounce (238 gram) bottles of MiraLax (MiraLax is over-the-counter and does not require a prescription.)
3. One 64 ounce bottle (or two 32 ounce bottles) of Gatorade (NOT RED OR PURPLE)
  - a. If you are a diabetic use a sugar-free sports drink such as Powerade Zero in place of Gatorade to avoid blood sugar problems.
  - b. If you have renal insufficiency DO NOT purchase Gatorade or Powerade as you will have to use plain water (eight 8 ounce glasses) to prevent issues with your electrolytes.

## **THE DAY BEFORE THE PROCEDURE**

### **DIET**

You may eat a light low fiber breakfast in accordance with the restrictions described above under “LOW FIBER DIET” but then only clear liquids for the remainder of the day (after 12:00 noon). Clear liquids consist of clear broths, fruit juices without pulp, tea, coffee, water, soda, etc. Do NOT drink cream or milk or add these to any beverage or food. You may use honey, sugar, or artificial sweeteners. You may also eat Jell-O, (not red or purple), popsicles, or hard candies without any added dairy such as Jolly ranchers, lemon drops, etc. Please avoid anything the day before your procedure that is red or purple in color.



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## CONSUMING THE PREP

At 12:00 noon on the day BEFORE the procedure consume the 4 bisacodyl (Dulcolax) tablets with an 8 ounce glass of water or juice, swallow whole, do not cut, crush or chew.

At 4:00pm on the day BEFORE the procedure mix the entire contents of the bottle of MiraLax with the entire 64 ounce bottle of Gatorade in a pitcher or other container. Drink one 8 ounce glass of the mixture every 15 minutes until the mixture is gone. The prep works best if you drink each 8 ounce glass as quickly as possible.

- If you experience nausea or vomiting, rinse your mouth with water and take a 15 to 30 minute break before continuing to drink the MiraLax/Gatorade mixture. Or suck on a hard candy in between glasses (not red or purple).
- You will have to remain near the commode during the entire prep as your bowels will begin to move within 30 minutes of starting the prep and for several hours after completing the prep.
- The contents of your bowel movements should be transparent like slightly discolored water without any solid component when you're done with the prep.

You may continue eating/drinking clear liquids until midnight. You should especially ensure that you are drinking a lot of water and Gatorade after the prep is completed to prevent dehydration.

**YOU SHOULD HAVE NOTHING ELSE TO EAT OR DRINK AFTER MIDNIGHT** except for essential medications that can be taken with a small sip of water. Essential medications include blood pressure, heart, or breathing medications that your physician has instructed you to take the day of the procedure.

Arrange for transportation home from Ivinson Memorial Hospital **IN ADVANCE**. You may **NOT** drive yourself home after the procedure.

