

INSTRUCTIONS FOR COLONOSCOPY

(USING SUTAB TABLETS)

(OBTAIN PRESCRIPTION FOR SUTAB, 24 Tablets)

READ ALL INSTRUCTIONS CAREFULLY

REPORT TO

MemorialCare Digestive Care Center, 24411 Health Center Drive, Suite 450, Laguna Hills, CA 92653.

Date _____ Arrival Time _____

- 1) If you are taking Iron pills, please stop this for three days before your procedure.
- 2) If you are taking **blood thinning medicines like Coumadin (Warfarin), Pradaxa, Xarelto, Brilinta, Effient, Eliquis, or Plavix**, please consult your doctor. You may need to stop these medications for up to 7 days prior to your procedure.
- 3) **Do not eat any seeds like popcorn, multigrain bread, sesame, granola bar, corn for one week** prior to colonoscopy.
- 4) **Day Before Examination**
 - Drink only “clear liquids” for breakfast, lunch, and dinner. Solid foods, milk or milk products are **not** allowed.
 - “CLEAR LIQUIDS” INCLUDE:
 - ⇒ Strained fruit juices without pulp (apple, white grape, lemonade)
 - ⇒ Water, Clear broth or bouillon
 - ⇒ Coffee or tea (without milk or non-dairy creamer)
 - ⇒ All of the following that are **not** colored red or purple
 - ◇ Gatorade, Carbonated and non-carbonated soft drinks
 - ◇ Kool-Aid (or other fruit flavored drinks), Ice popsicles
 - ◇ Plain Jello (without added fruits or toppings).
- Evening (6 pm)**
 - Open one bottle of 12 tablets of Sutab. Fill the provided container with 16 ounces of water (up to the fill line). Swallow each tablet with a sip of water and drink the entire amount of 16 ounces over 15-30 minutes. After about 30 minutes, drink another 16 ounces of water over 15-30 minutes.
- 5) **Day of Examination**

Morning Dose of Laxative: (Four hours before your colonoscopy arrival time)
Do not skip this dose even if you think your colon is clean enough.

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 - **Finish drinking all liquids at least 2 hours before your colonoscopy arrival time.** Please eat **NO BREAKFAST** and **AVOID DARK COFFEE** on the morning of your examination.
- 6) **MEDICATIONS**
 - (a) **Evening prior to your examination:** Take any of your usually prescribed medications **more** than two hours before or two hours after you take the SUTAB tablets. This is to decrease the chance of your medications being washed out of your intestines before they can be absorbed.
 - (b) **On the morning of the procedure:** Take all your usually prescribed medications with water before 6 am. If you are a **DIABETIC**, please discuss with your doctor scheduling this test, what you should do with your insulin on the morning of the procedure.
- 7) You will probably require some medication by vein for the procedure to relax you. This medication may make you sleepy for a few hours. If you receive this medication you will be required to remain here at the Endoscopy Center for about 30 minutes after the procedure is completed for observation.
- 8) If you receive this relaxing medication by vein, you cannot safely drive yourself home after the test. Therefore, plan on having someone bring you to the Endoscopy Center and return you home after the procedure. Likewise, you should not plan on operating any heavy or dangerous machinery until the day after the procedure.
- 9) Wear loose comfortable clothing. Please wear or bring a pair of socks with you.



If there are any questions regarding the procedure or its scheduling, please call our office at (949) 365-8836.