



# Flexible Sigmoidoscopy Instructions

## The day before the exam:

- You may have a light meal around 3:00 p.m. (i.e. half sandwich, soup).
- At 5:00 p.m. drink 1 bottle of magnesium citrate.  
This may be purchased at the pharmacy of your choice (no red coloring).

- Drink only clear fluids from this point until after the exam.

Things you may have are:

Apple juice ~ White grape juice ~ Jello ~ Popsicles ~ Gatorade ~ Water ~ Soft drinks ~ Kool-Aid  
Hi-C ~ Clear broth ~ Boullion

## The day of the exam:

- Do not eat breakfast.
- Do not take diabetic medication until after the exam. You may check your blood sugar prior to arrival.
- You can drink clear liquids until 2 hours prior to your procedure \_\_\_\_\_.
- When you arrive at the surgery center, you may be given an enema in preparation for the exam.
- You must have a driver due to the the sedation you will receive. You will not be able to drive or work until the next day.

Date of procedure: \_\_\_\_\_ Arrival time: \_\_\_\_\_

**\*\* The time that we give you is the ARRIVAL time. Your procedure typically starts 1 1/2-2 hours after your arrival. \*\***

**\*\* EXPECT TO BE HERE 3-4 HOURS \*\***

### Location: Digestive Health Center

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If you have any questions or concerns, please call our office at 319-234-5990 or 877-858-4741.

Office hours are Monday–Friday from 8:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m., with phones answered 24 hours per day for emergencies.



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