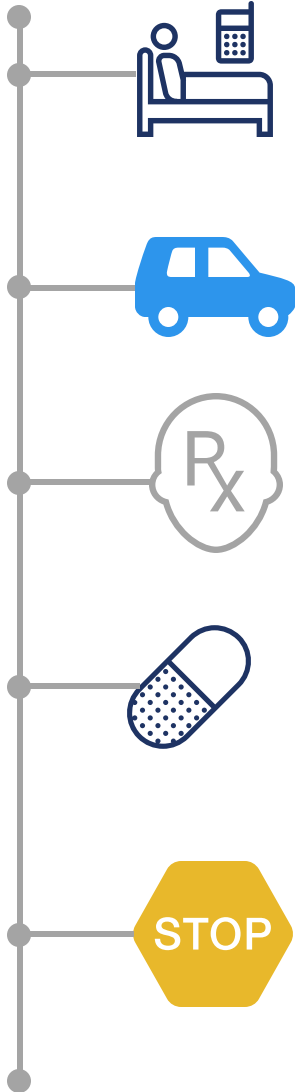


Northwest Gastroenterology

Colonoscopy Preparation Instructions

2 day-Gavilyte

One Week Before Your Procedure



- Notify our office if you have had any major changes to your health since you scheduled your procedure.
- If you are receiving sedation, a responsible adult must accompany you to check-in, remain onsite, and be present for discharge. You may use a rideshare, taxi, or public transit, but your escort must ride with you, as hired drivers do not meet safety requirements.
- Pick up your bowel preparation from the pharmacy.
- Purchase simethicone gas relief (Gas-X) over-the-counter. You will need a total of 4 tablets/ capsules.
- If you take **blood-thinner or anti-platelet medications**, (ie. Plavix, Coumadin, Pradaxa) or any **diabetic or weight loss medications** (ie. Ozempic, Trulicity) please reference [Medication Instructions](#).
- Continue taking all other medications, unless instructed by your physician or our nursing staff.
- Stop taking: Iron pills or vitamins with iron (this is to decrease constipation)
- Stop taking: oil-based vitamins/supplements (A, D, E, K or fish oil) for a full 7 days before your procedure.
- Stop eating: Whole seeds, nuts, tomatoes, berries, and any bread with seeds or nuts. You may continue to have creamy nut butters and tomato sauces.
- Stop using: any illicit drugs



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2 Days Before Your Procedure



- When you wake up, start a clear liquid diet.
- Do not have any solid foods.
- Do not have: red, purple, or orange liquids, any chewing gum, or alcohol.
- Please see our list of [recommended clear liquids](#).



- In the evening, mix the first jug of your bowel prep solution. You will want your prep solution to refrigerate for at least 2 hours prior to drinking.



You will have two 4-liter (1 gallon) jugs of the prep solution. You will drink the first jug--in two sessions--the day before your procedure and you will drink 1/2 of the second jug the morning of your procedure.

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1 Day Before Your Procedure



- Begin drinking your bowel prep solution between 8:00 am and 9:00 am.
- Drink 8 oz. every 10-15 minutes until you have completed 1/2 of the first 128 oz. (2 liters/ 64 oz).
- Do not drink other liquids while you are drinking the prep solution.
- Place the remaining solution in the refrigerator.



- Bowel movements usually start within 3 hours of drinking the prep but could take longer. It is recommended to stay near a restroom at this point. See our list of [Frequently Asked Questions](#) if you feel the preparation is not working.



- Between 5:00 pm and 6:00 pm, begin drinking another 64 oz. of the prep solution. Drink 8 oz every 10-15 minutes until the first 4-liter container is gone.
- Take 2 simethicone gas relief (Gas-X) capsules/ tablets.

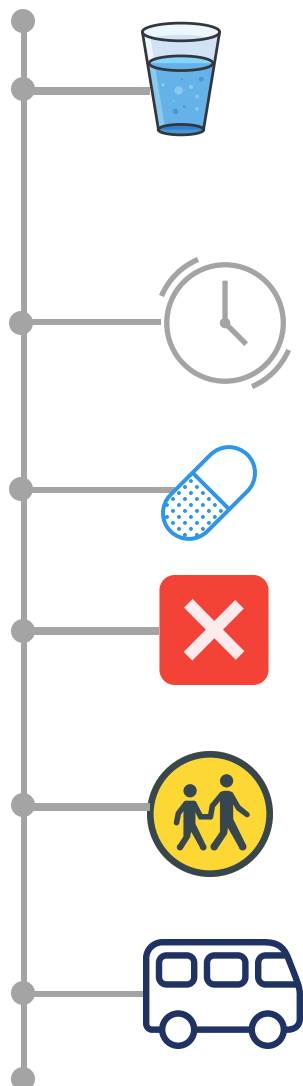


- In the evening, mix the second jug of your bowel prep solution. You will want your prep solution to refrigerate for at least 2 hours prior to drinking.

Colonoscopy Preparation Instructions

2 - Day Gavilyte

The Day of Your Procedure



- Continue with clear liquids and no solid foods.
- **Take blood pressure, heart, or seizure medications the morning of your procedure.** Be sure you take these at least **4 hours** before your arrival time.
- Hold all other medications.
- 6 hours before you leave for your procedure, start the second jug of the bowel prep. Drink 8 ounces every 10-15 minutes until 1/2 of the jug is finished.
- For example, if your check-in time is 6:45 am, and it takes you 30 minutes to get here, you will need to wake up and begin your 2nd dose at 12:15 am.
- You will have 64 ounces (2 liters) of the prep solution left in the container which you can throw away.
- Take 2 simethicone gas relief (Gas-X) tablets/ capsules.
- **DO NOT HAVE ANYTHING TO EAT OR DRINK 4 HOURS PRIOR TO ARRIVING. NO CHEWING GUM.**
- **DO NOT SMOKE 24 HOURS BEFORE YOUR PROCEDURE.**
- **DO NOT USE CHEWING TOBACCO OR NICOTINE POUCHES 6 HOURS BEFORE YOUR PROCEDURE**
- If you are receiving sedation, your driver must be present with you at check-in on the day of your procedure and remain onsite. **If you are taking public transportation, a taxi, or a rideshare service, you must have a responsible adult escort present with you at check-in, remain onsite, and be with you at discharge.**
- Wear comfortable clothes, leave your valuables at home, and arrive on time at the designated location.
- Don't forget your photo ID and insurance card.
- Before leaving for your procedure, your bowel movements should be mostly clear and yellow in color, similar to urine. If your stool does not look like this, please call our office before your procedure.