Preparation Instructions: Colonoscopy MiraLAX (Polyethylene Glycol)/Dulcolax (Bisacodyl)

### Seven (7) days before your procedure

**STOP:** (Unless otherwise instructed by your physician)
- Iron, Multivitamin with Iron, fish oil, Omega 3 and Vitamin E
- NSAIDs including: Aspirin, Ibuprofen (Motrin, Advil), Naproxen (Aleve, Naprosyn), Goody’s, and similar medications.

**Take:**
- All regular medications (especially blood pressure/cardiac, seizure, cholesterol, anxiety and pain medications etc.
- Acetaminophen (Tylenol).

- Blood thinners such as Plavix, Warfarin (Coumadin), Heparin, Lovenox, Aggrenox or Pletal, please consult your physician about stopping these medications before the procedure.
- Recent blood work may be necessary before your procedure date

### The day before your procedure

**STOP:** (In addition to above)
- DO NOT eat any solid food (food you cannot see through).
- DO NOT drink any liquids you cannot see through (milk, cream, soup and Coke etc).
- DO not drink any liquids that are the colors red, blue or purple (It will alter the test).

**Take:**
- Water and clear liquids ((ANYTHING THAT YOU CAN SEE THROUGH, such as chicken broth, beef broth, vegetable broth, jello, popsicles, tea, coffee (no cream), apple juice, white grape juice, Gatorade, water and clear soda).

- The day before your procedure **At 9 AM**, take two Dulcolax (Bisacodyl) tablets. **At NOON** mix the MiraLAX (Polyethylene Glycol) in the 64 oz. Gatorade. Drink 8 oz. every 10-15 minutes until finished. At 3 PM, take the last two Dulcolax/Bisacodyl tablets. Continue drinking clear fluids until bedtime. **YOU CANNOT HAVE FOOD OR DRINK AFTER MIDNIGHT!**

### Day of your procedure: NO FOOD OR DRINK!

**Do Not Take:**
- Do not eat or drink anything the morning of your procedure.
- Do not take any medications until after your procedure except blood pressure, heart, or seizure medications (see right).
- Do not take Diabetic pills.

**Take:**
- If you are on blood pressure, heart, pain or seizure medications please take them at 6 AM with a small sip of water. If you are diabetic, check your blood sugar. If greater than 200, take ½ of your morning insulin. Your blood sugar will be checked before your procedure.

**You MUST have someone with you to drive you home.** Your procedure will not be performed unless you have a ride. **Only if you have an escort may you leave by taxi.** (Call with questions: 904-244-3735)

- **Purchase over the counter:** *238 gram bottle of MiraLAX * 64 oz. Gatorade (no red, or purple) *4 Dulcolax (laxative)tablets