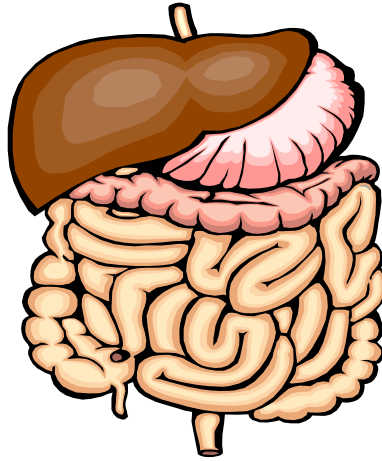


Prep Instructions for Colonoscopy for children 5 and under



For Your Information:

Your Child has been scheduled for a Colonoscopy at Children's healthcare of Atlanta at Egleston. These procedures are scheduled on Mondays only!! The hospital will call you the week prior to your appointment on either Thursday or Friday. Times are non-negotiable; they go by age group, the younger the child, the earlier the time. If you have a commercial insurance you should be aware of deductibles and coinsurance, our staff will call to verify insurance and get any necessary authorizations. Payments of deductibles need to be made in full. The Wednesday prior to your scheduled date is the deadline (no exceptions). A map of the hospital, and your Child's Prep instructions are included in this packet. If you feel you will not be able to attend your appointment please inform us 24 to 48 hrs in advance to avoid no-show fees of \$50.00. You can reach us at 678.474.1115 OR the hospital at 404.785.6725 .

What is a colonoscopy?

COLONOSCOPY is a procedure where a lighted tube, a colonoscope, is passed through the rectum and into the large intestine for visualization. This procedure is usually done under general anesthesia. Eating and drinking restrictions will be given to you by the nurse prior to the procedure. In order to visualize the bowel during the colonoscopy, the bowel needs to be empty of fecal matter and you will be given a bowel cleanout regimen prior to the procedure. Your child may experience excess gas and/or mild abdominal cramping after the procedure which is relieved as gas is passed. Your child maybe drowsy from general anesthesia and should plan a quiet recovery at home for the remainder of the day. Normal activities may resume the following day.

Prep for children under 5 years of age

For Patients Under 5 years of age

COLONOSCOPY INSTRUCTIONS

Your son/daughter is scheduled for a colonoscopy at the Children's Healthcare of Atlanta at **Egleston**. In order for the doctor to perform a colonoscopy a bowel cleanout must be completed at home prior to the procedure. Please use our Miralax Prep, see colonoscopy Preparation.

On the morning of your procedure:

1) Nothing by mouth after midnight. Not even **GUM or CANDY!**

Arrive at the hospital at least 1-2 hours before procedure time to allow yourself time to register. A map of the hospital is included in this packet if for any reason you may need to cancel please give us 48 hrs in advance to avoid a No show fee of \$50.00. You can call our office at 404.785.1115 and the hospital at 404.785.6000 and ask for the GI Lab.