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PROCEDURE DATE: \_\_\_\_\_ MATHER \_\_\_\_\_ ST. CHARLES

\_\_\_\_\_ ADVANCED SURGERY CENTER OF LONG ISLAND (ASCLI)

(If you need to **cancel** your procedure, please let us know **as soon as possible**.)

## LIDDC: HALFLYTELY INSTRUCTIONS

**\* FOLLOW THESE INSTRUCTIONS - NOT INSTRUCTIONS IN PREP KIT**

**MORE THAN TWO WEEKS BEFORE YOUR PROCEDURE:** Inform the office **(631) 751-8700** IF:

1. You are diabetic.
2. You are allergic to latex.
3. You take blood thinning products (Coumadin, Plavix, Aggrenox, Brilinta, Pradaxa, Pletal, Ticlid, Brilinta, Trental, Effient, Xarelto, Eliquis).
4. You have a prosthetic heart valve, a history of endocarditis, vascular graft, prosthetic joint replacement within the last 12 months. You may need antibiotic coverage for your procedure.
5. **Make sure you have a responsible party to take you home after the procedure. We may cancel the procedure if you do not have a responsible party to take you home.**
6. You will be called by ASCLI surgery center with your arrival time two days prior to procedure.

### **B. ONE WEEK BEFORE YOUR PROCEDURE:**

1. Do not take iron, iron-containing compounds, Vitamin E, fish-oil, advil, motrin, ibuprofen, aleve, naprosyn. You may take Tylenol (acetaminophen).
2. If you are taking aspirin 81 mg/day (baby aspirin) you should CONTINUE this unless otherwise instructed.
3. **Blood work** should be done 7-14 days prior to the procedure. A **pregnancy test** should be done less than 7 days prior to the procedure if you are a woman of child bearing age.
4. Avoid fruits/vegetables with **seeds**: eg tomatoes, kiwi fruit, caraway, flax, poppy, sesame etc. and corn.

**Instructions continued on reverse side**

## **C. THE DAY BEFORE YOUR PROCEDURE:**

1. **DO NOT EAT SOLID FOOD. YOU CAN ONLY HAVE CLEAR LIQUIDS THE DAY BEFORE YOUR COLONOSCOPY.** Drink at least 8 glasses of clear liquids. These should not be red or purple. Examples include: apple juice, water, clear broth or bouillon, Gatorade, Snapple, carbonated soda, jello, ice popsicles, black coffee, black tea (sugar or sweetener is allowed – but **NO milk/creamer**). You cannot have orange juice or other liquids you cannot see through. Only clear liquids are allowed the day before the procedure. It is very important that you stay well hydrated. Call the office if you have problems or questions with the prep.
2. **HalfLyte** instructions:
  - a) In the **morning**, add water to bring total volume to 2 liters (level is marked on the bottle). Mix and shake well till dissolved. Do not add additional flavoring or ingredients. Refrigerate this until ready to drink – this improves palatability.
  - b) At **12 noon**, take 1 Bisacodyl tablet by mouth. This is included in the prep kit.
  - c) Once you have had a bowel movement after taking the Bisacodyl tab, start drinking the Halflyte. **Drink one 8 oz. glass every 15 minutes** until you have finished the container.
  - d) If you have not had a bowel movement after the Bisacodyl by **5 pm**, start drinking the HalfLyte at this time.
  - e) **Working patients** may take the Bisacodyl tab at 4.30 pm, and start drinking the HalfLyte at 7.30 pm.
  - f) At 9 pm, take 2 Simethicone anti-gas chewables or soft gels (such as Gas-X, with 125mg of Simethicone in each tablet) with 8 ounces of clear liquid. The Simethicone medication reduces bubble formation in your colon and improves exam quality.
  - g) At 10 pm, take an additional 2 Simethicone chewables or soft gels with 8 ounces of clear liquid.
3. If your procedure is scheduled in the **hospital, call the evening before** for your arrival time.
  - Mather Hospital (631) 476-2717
  - St. Charles Hospital (631) 474-6441

## **D. THE DAY OF YOUR PROCEDURE: DO NOT EAT ANY FOOD**

1. Do **not eat** anything after midnight on the day of your procedure. You **may not drink anything** less than 6 hours before your procedure. No gum or candy. You may brush your teeth.
2. Take your usual morning medications with a **sip** of water.
3. Wear loose fitting clothes. Do not wear contact lenses, jewelry or make-up. Remove tongue piercings.
4. Bring your **inhalers** with you. Bring your **glasses case** with you.
5. Contact the office if you have questions or your physical condition changes (cold, fever, illness) (631) 751-8700.
6. We may **cancel the procedure if you do not have a driver to take you home**. Your driver will need to sign your discharge papers. You may **resume your normal diet** after the procedure. You **may not drive for the rest of the day/night**. You may **resume normal activities** the next day.