# Precautions Regarding Colonoscopy Bowel Preparation and Medication Use (GI Klean Powder)

#### 1. Seven Days Before the Exam:

- A.Discontinue use of Western and Chinese medicine (e.g., fish oil, gingko, red yeast, ginseng, health products containing lingzhi mushrooms)
- B. If you are taking antiplatelet agents, anticoagulants, or anti-inflammatory pain medications that may affect blood clotting, please follow the recommended discontinuation period (see the back page for details).
  - If these medications are not discontinued as advised, biopsy or polyp removal cannot be performed on the day of the examination to prevent the risk of bleeding.
- C.Should you be taking GLP-1 receptor agonists (commonly referred to as "weight-loss injections" or medications for blood glucose and weight control), either in injectable or oral form, please withhold one dose prior to your health examination

#### 2. Five Days Before the Exam:

- A.For those with constipation symptoms, start a low-residue diet based on the usual number of days between bowel movements. For example, if you have a bowel movement once every 5 days, start the low-residue diet 5 days before the exam.
- B.Do not eat fruits with seeds (e.g., watermelon, kiwi, dragon fruit, tomatoes, nuts)

#### 3. Two Days Before the Exam:

Do not eat vegetables, fruits, milk, high-fiber oats, or fried foods that are difficult to digest (except for meat floss). You can eat low-residue foods (e.g., porridge, steamed buns, noodles, egg drop soup, fish, minced meat), boiled white noodles, and white toast (but not whole wheat toast).

# 4. One Day Before the Exam: Dietary Guidelines and Meal Replacement Packages

A. Non-Vegetarian Meal Replacements

- · Breakfast:
  - On your own. Breakfast is not provided as part of the meal replacement package.
  - Please use the low-residue diet guidelines.
- Lunch:
  - Low-residue meal replacement package contains potato stew and egg porridge.
- Dinner:
  - Eat dinner before 5:00pm. The low-residue meal replacement package contains chicken and egg porridge.
  - Do not have dinner after 5:00pm.
  - Only consume non-residue drinks such as honey, sugar water, pulpless fruit juice, sports drinks, or clear soup.
  - You should not drink milk, food with residue, or dark-colored drinks such as grape or carrot juice.

#### B. Vegetarian Meal Replacement

- Breakfast:
  - On your own. Breakfast is not provided as part of the meal replacement package.
  - Please use low-residue diet guidelines.
- Lunch:
- Low-residue meal replacement package contains two options
- Dinner:
  - Eat dinner before 5:00pm from the low-residue meal replacement package.
  - Do not have dinner after 5:00pm.
  - Only consume non-residue drinks such as honey, sugar water, pulpless fruit juice, sports drinks, or clear soup.
  - You should not drink milk, food with residue, or dark-colored drinks such as grape or carrot juice.
- C. No Meal Replacement Package Purchased or Meal Replacement Allergies
  - · Breakfast and Lunch:
    - Eat a low-residue diet before 1:00pm.
    - After 1:00pm, you can only consume non-residue drinks such as honey, sugar water, pulp-less fruit juice, sports drinks, or clear soup.
    - You should not drink milk, food with residue, or dark-colored drinks such as grape or carrot juice.

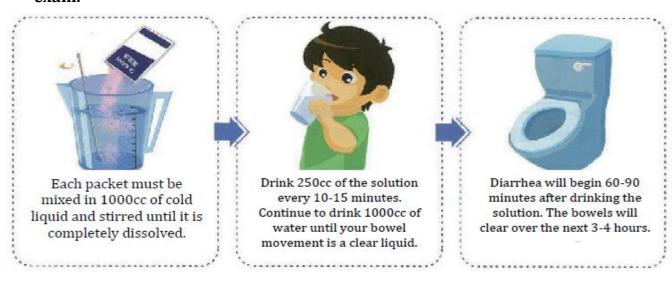
### 5. One Day Before the Exam: Medications (Laxatives and Gas-Relief)

- A. At 5:00pm, take the first package of GI Klean-Powder laxative and mix it with 1000cc of cold water, low-residue orange juice, or sports drink. Stir until the powder is completely dissolved. Drink 250cc every 10-15 minutes, and finish drinking within an hour. After taking the laxative, Replenish your fluids by drinking 1000cc of water, low-residue orange juice, or sports drinks (see the next page for details).
- B. After finishing the laxative drink, Take two tablets of "Kascoal" at 11pm to prevent bloating, No more food or drinks after 11pm.

#### 6. Exam Day:

- A.At 4:00am, take the second package of laxatives and mix it with 1000cc of cold water, and finish drinking within an hour, do not consume sugary beverages or sports drinks. After taking the laxative, take 2 Kascoal gas-relief pills with 50cc of water.
- B. After 5:00am, do not drink any fluids or consume any food. Do not take any medication that lowers blood sugar or prevents blood from clotting. If you need to take medication for a chronic condition, lease do so and drink less than 50cc of plain water.
- C. Should you experience symptoms of hypoglycemia, such as cold sweating, hand tremors, or dizziness, due to prolonged fasting, please take a sugar cube or some granulated sugar orally, and promptly inform the medical staff upon arrival for your examination.

· Please cooperate regarding dietary guidelines, medication administration, and adequate fluid intake to ensure bowel cleanliness as it can affect the exam.



☐ Take 2 gas-reducing pills as directed

If you are taking antiplatelet agents, anticoagulants, or anti-inflammatory pain medications that may affect blood clotting, please follow the recommended discontinuation period as shown in the table below.

Stopping Meds (days)	Medication	Stopping Meds (days)
10 days before the exam	Apixaban (Eliquis)	2 days before the exam
7 days before the exam	Dabigatran (Pradaxa)	
	Endoxaben (Lixian)	
5 days before the exam	Rivaroxaben (Xarelto)	
	Cilostazol(Pletaal/Citazol)	
4 days before the exam	Ibuprofen/Diclofenac/Ket oprofen/ketorolac	1 days before the exam
3 days before the exam		

Method for Calculating Days to Stop Taking Meds:

Exam day (8/29): Stop taking meds 7 days prior = meds are stopped on 8/22Exam day (8/29): Stop taking meds 5 days prior = meds are stopped on 8/24

- Reminder: If you are having a biopsy or polyp removal on the day of the exam, it is recommended that you avoid long-distance travel or flying for one week.
- In rare cases, some individuals may develop severe abdominal pain or diarrhea

resulting in weakness or collapse after taking laxatives. Should this occur, please seek prompt medical evaluation at the nearest hospital.

For any inquiries regarding a low-residue diet, meal replacements, medication usage, or discontinuation, please contact our staff during office hours at (02) 2897-0011 ext. 3225-3228.

## I. Basic Explanation for Eating a Low-Residue Diet

- 1. Avoid food that is coarse, fibrous, spicy, or greasy.
- 2. For those with constipation symptoms, start a low-residue diet based on the usual number of days between bowel movements. For example, if you have a bowel movement once every 5 days, start the low-residue diet 5 days before the exam.
- 3. Even if you strictly follow the bowel cleansing instructions and implement strict diet control, a small number of patients may not be able to completely cleanse the colon.

#### II. Dietary Recommendations Before the Exam



• A small number of patients have experienced excessive diarrhea or severe abdominal pain caused by taking laxatives. If you are experiencing these symptoms, please go to the nearest hospital for treatment as soon as possible. For questions about laxatives, low-residue diets, and meal replacements, please call (02)2987-0011 ext. 3205, 3206, 3207, or 3208 during normal business hours (Monday to Friday, 8:30am to 5:00pm).