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**Patient name:**

**Date/time of procedure:**

## **COLONOSCOPY PREPARATION - FORTRANS**

### ***2 DAYS BEFORE THE PROCEDURE***

Avoid eating fruits that contain spores (figs, grapes, pomegranates, etc.) and vegetables. Also avoid bread with sesame seeds or any kind of seeds.

### ***1 DAY BEFORE THE PROCEDURE***

- **Light breakfast until 8:00 am:** Coffee, white toast (cold cuts, egg), juice (not fresh) or white cereals such as classic corn flakes. It is forbidden to include fruits or vegetables in your breakfast (as well as cucumbers, tomatoes, etc.). Avoid dairy consumption.

- **After breakfast until 5:00 pm:** Be sure to drink liquids such as water, fresh juice, tea, coffee and seven up / sprite, lucozade, gatorade, jelly (not red), mahalepi, granita ice cream, chicken/vegetable broth.

- **5:00 pm:** Start taking Fortrans sachets.

**Instructions:** Dissolve each sachet in a liter of water. You can freeze it, or add lemonade/orange juice (squash), sprite and juice (not fresh) if it helps improve the taste of the medicine. Take a glass every 15-20 minutes until all 3 sachets are finished, in about 2½/3½ hours. Then you can drink water or tea until midnight.

In case of nausea or vomiting, stop taking the laxative for a while, drink chamomile tea and continue.

### ***DAY OF PROCEDURE***

**Dissolve the 4<sup>th</sup> (fourth) sachet** in the same way in a liter of water and consume it from 5:30 am to 6:30 am, in one hour. It is best to drink the whole glass immediately instead of small amounts with breaks. If your appointment for a colonoscopy is after 11:00 am, you can delay 1-2 hours the start of the morning laxative.

### ***NOTES***

- Often, after the first glasses of Fortrans, it is natural to feel some bloating due to the large amount of fluids you drank. But these are temporary and will stop as soon as the defecation begins.
- If you are taking iron or any other anti-inflammatory drugs (such as, voltaren, nurofen, diclofenac), stop taking them 4 days before the procedure. If you are taking aspirin or anticoagulants, talk to your doctor or cardiologist for any modification. Medications for blood pressure and heart disease to be taken normally.
- You will need to take off the day of the procedure and you will need someone to drive you home.