Colonoscopy Preparation & Daycare Guide



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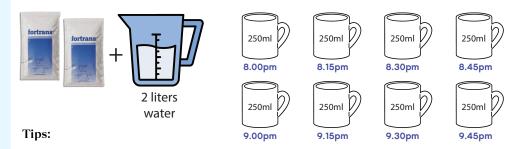
Bowel Preparation (Fortrans)

You will take Fortrans solution at home the night before and morning of your colonoscopy.

Instructions:

(1 day before your colonoscopy)

- 7am Light and no fibre breakfast.
- 12pm Light and no fibre lunch.
- 7pm-7.30pm Light and no fibre dinner. **you can still snack in between
- 8pm-10pm:
 - o Dissolve 2 sachets of Fortrans into 2 liters of water.
 - O Drink 250 ml (one glass) every 15 minutes.
 - o You should finish the full 2 liters by 10:00 PM.



- Chill the solution to improve taste.
- Apply petroleum jelly to reduce irritation from frequent stools.
- Drink plain water only to replenish water loss from effects of drinking the solution.

Instructions:

(On the day of your colonoscopy)

- 12 midnight onwards, no solid food allowed.
- 6.00 am
 - o Dissolve 1 sachet of Fortrans into 1 liter of water.
 - Drink 250 ml every 15 minutes, till the stools are clear/watery with no/minimal sediments Refer Stool number Chart
 - after 9:00am stop drinking fluids including plain water



Diet Requirements

- Day Before Colonoscopy:
 - o Take a **soft diet only** (porridge, soup, eggs, noodles, biscuits).
 - Absolutely no fruits or high-fibre foods.
- After midnight: No more solid food.





White Bread (no spread)



Coffee/ Tea



White porridge/ rice



Eggs





MeeSua/Beehun/ KoayTeow



Lean meat (Fish & Chicken)



Clear Soup





Fried/ oily Foods



Fruits



Vegetables





Cereals



Whole grains/ Oats

Fasting & Fluids

- From 12:00 AM to 9:00 AM (day of procedure): Only plain water is allowed (besides the *Fortrans* solution as instructed).
- After 9:00 AM: Nothing more by mouth until your procedure is completed. *unless instructed by nurses / doctors*

Expected Routine (On the Note: The schedule may vary depending on how ready your bowel is. Day of Procedure) • 8:30 AM - Arrive at hospital for check-in. 9:00am - 1:00 PM - Colonoscopy (and/or gastroscopy if indicated) on the 5th floor (Endoscopy Suite). After the procedure, you will be monitored in the recovery area until safe for discharge. Discharge is usually by ~3:00 - 4:00 PM. You must have a responsible adult accompany you home. Stool Chart Stool 4 Stool 1 Stool 2 Stool 3 Dark brownish and Brownish and loose Light brownish Light brownish solid water with particles Stool 5 Stool 6 Yellowish and Light Yellowish and watery clear • Blood thinners (aspirin, warfarin, clopidogrel, Brilinta, Pradaxa, etc) – Medication Checklist

- inform your doctor; may need to stop earlier.
- **Diabetes medication** dose adjustments may be required.
- Other medications take only as advised by your surgeon/anaesthetist.

Contact

For any questions or if you are unsure about recovery:

- WhatsApp (preferred): Dr Chan Siew How's Clinic 012 280 9778
- For more information on your GI health and recovery tips, visit drchansh.my