

# Bowel Prep

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Conflicts  
of interest

NO



# Bowel Prep: It is important

- 20%–25% of all colonoscopies have inadequate bowel prep
- Inadequate colonic preparation
  - reduced rates of ADRs
  - longer procedural time
  - lower cecal intubation rates
  - economic burden of repeating examinations

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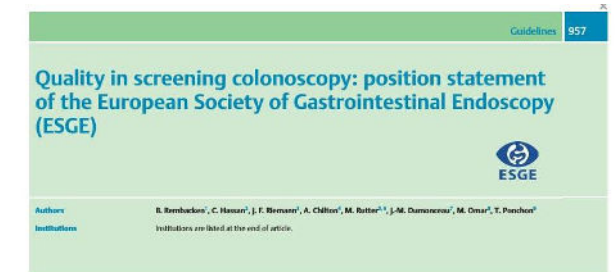
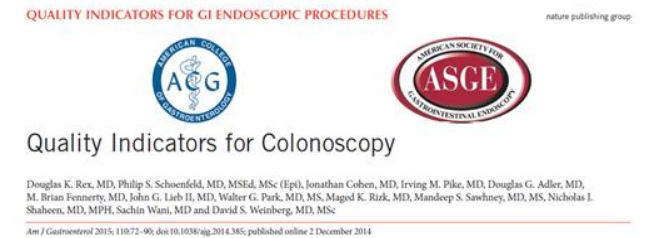
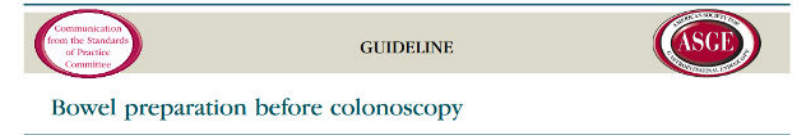
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# Bowel Prep Rating: Quality Indicator

- GI Societies
  - Documentation in  $\geq 98\%$ 
    - Regardless of assessment/score scale
    - based on ability to identify polyps **after retained fluid or stool has been suctioned**
  - Minimum adequate bowel preparation rates of 85%-90%
    - For outpatient's bowel preparation **suitable for using recommended surveillance or screening intervals**



# Topics

- Risk Factors
- Diet prior to bowel cleansing
- Patient Education
- Bowel prep agent
- Dosing and timing of colon cleansing
- Rating Quality of Bowel Preparation during colonoscopy

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# Risk Factors Inadequate Bowel Prep

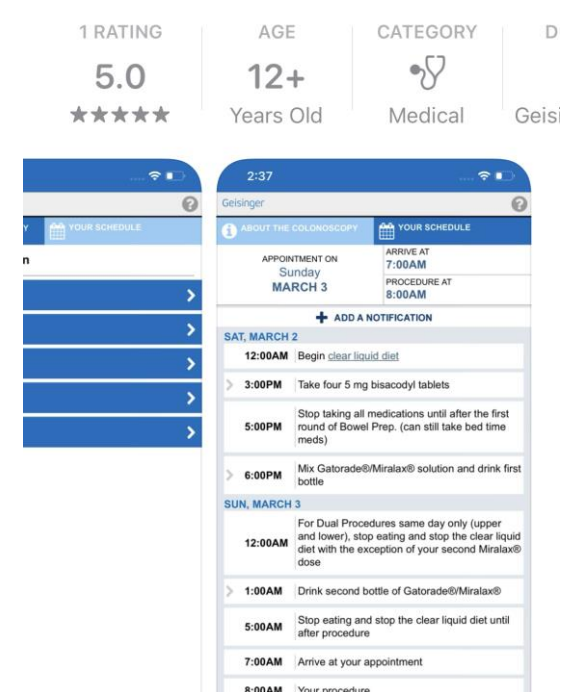
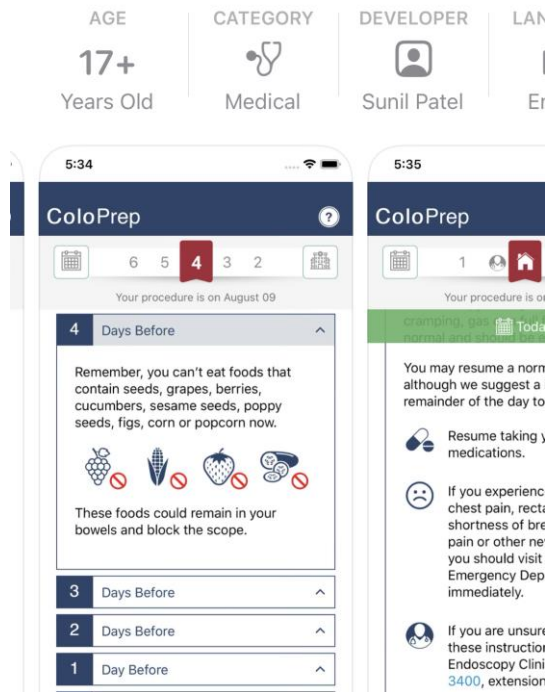
- Constipation < 3 BMs/week
  - **OR, 5.2**; 95% CI, 1.8-15.2
- Diabetes Mellitus
  - **OR, 3.5**; 95% CI, 1.4-8.7)1
- Medications
  - Opioids: **OR, 1.7**; 95% CI, 1.4-2.1
  - TCAs: **OR, 2.0**; 95% CI, 1.4-2.9
- Non-compliance to dosing, timing of preparation or diet
  - **OR, 6.7**; 95% CI, 3.2-14.2
- Obesity
- Dementia, Parkinson, Spinal Cord
- Cirrhosis
- Male

# Patient Instructions

- Verbal and written instructions
- Read the instructions at least a week prior to the colonoscopy
- GI Nursing Staff phone calls, trained patient navigators

Digital tools have been used to augment bowel preparation instructions

Smartphone applications  
Web-based videos



**Colonoscopy  
Prep Reminder**

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# Diet

- Traditionally, clear liquid
- Hydration - better preparation and fewer adverse events (ie, nausea) related to the prep
- Low-residue diet for part or all day before colonoscopy
- Evaluate any compromise in efficacy if dietary flexibility is allowed

## Low Fiber Diet for Colonoscopy

Foods that are okay	Foods that are not okay
White bread	Whole wheat bread or pasta
White rice or noodles	Brown or wild rice
Plain crackers and potato rolls	Whole wheat crackers and Rolls
Skinless cooked potato	Raw or partially cooked vegetables
Skinless chicken or turkey	Tough meat or meat items with skin
Fish and other sea foods	Nuts, seeds, popcorn, and fruits
Canned fruits without seeds or skin	Milk or milk products
Eggs	Cereals
Vanilla wafers, Animal crackers	Granola, Cornbread, Pumpkin bread
Items on the clear liquid diet	Items on the high fiber diet

# Low-Residue Diet

- (n = 660) 92% male; mean age 64
- LRD menu & Split-dose 2LPEG
- 94% BBPS  $\geq$  2 in each segment
- Inadequate BP
  - Higher BMI, DM, prior inadequate BP, BP duration of two days, opioid use
- Predictor of inadequate BP
  - BMI  $\geq$  25 kg/m<sup>2</sup> (OR 1.06, 95% CI 1.01–1.12, p = 0.03)
  - Every one-unit increase associated with a 6% increased odds

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RESEARCH ARTICLE

## Low-residue diet for colonoscopy in veterans: Risk factors for inadequate bowel preparation and patient satisfaction and compliance

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# Bowel Prep: Criteria Definition

- No standard criteria or definition exists
  - qualitative terms “adequate”, “inadequate”, “excellent”, “good”, “**fair**”, or “poor”
- ASGE/ACG Task Force definition of “**Adequate**”
  - if it allows detection of polyps > 5 mm in size

# Bowel Prep Scales

# Aronchick Scale

- First bowel preparation quality scale
- Most used in clinical trials and practice
- Performed before washing or suctioning
- **% of the total colonic mucosal surface covered by fluid or stool**
- No scoring for separate colon segments

Good Large volume of clear liquid covering 5–25% of the surface but >90% of surface seen

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Fair Semi-solid stool that could be suctioned or washed away but >90% of surface seen

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Poor Semi-solid stool that could not be suctioned or washed away and <90% of surface seen

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Interobserver correlation coefficients (ICCs) – kappa coefficients  
high for cecum (0.76) & total colon (0.77)  
reduced distal and ascending colon segments

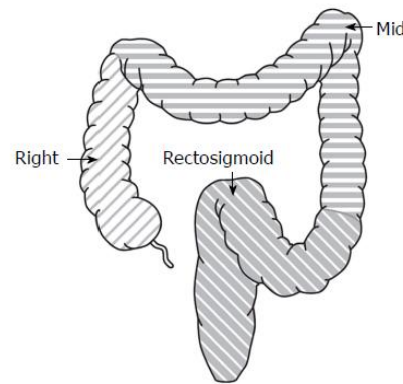


> 95% of surface seen

# Ottawa Bowel Prep Scale

- Performed before washing or suctioning
- **Scoring for separate colon segments**
  - right colon, mid-colon, and rectosigmoid
- **Scoring for fluid quantity**
- Total score (adding scores for each segment + total colon fluid score)

Kastenberg D *et al.* Bowel preparation quality scales



- ICCs and consistency ratings were significantly superior for the OBPS vs the Aronchick

Good	Large volume of clear liquid covering 5–25% of the surface but >90% of surface seen
Fair	Semi-solid stool that could be suctioned or washed away but >90% of surface seen
Poor	Semi-solid stool that could not be suctioned or washed away and <90% of surface seen
Inadequate	Re-preparation needed

OBPS (A)		0	1	2	3	4	
0=Excellent 1=Good 2=Fair 3=Poor 4=Inadequate							
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**Score cutoff of ≥ 8 identified**  
 inadequate bowel prep  
 sensitivity 100%  
 specificity 91%





**Colon Fluid Single Score**  
 0: small amount of fluid  
 1: moderate amount  
 2: large amount

Scale from 0 (excellent) to 14 (inadequate)



# Boston Bowel Prep Score

- Performed upon withdrawal and after all flushing & suctioning have been completed
- **Score applied by colon segments**
- Subjective, qualitative terms are replaced by numbered scores

Score	Description	Endoscopic example
3	Entire mucosa of colon segment seen well, with no residual staining, small fragments of stool, or opaque liquid	
2	Minor amount of residual staining, small fragments of stool, and/or opaque liquid, but mucosa of colon segment is seen well	
1	Portion of mucosa of the colon segment seen, but other areas of the colon segment are not well seen because of staining, residual stool, and/or opaque liquid	
0	Unprepared colon segment with mucosa not seen because of solid stool that cannot be cleared	

# BBPS: Adequacy for 10-yr FU

- Validation Studies
  - Median BBPS was 6
    - ICC interobserver total BBPS 0.74
    - Kappa intraobserver total BBPS 0.77
  - 100% raters (12) judged the bowel preparation adequate to exclude polyps > 5 mm with a = 8 BBPS score
    - vs 82% when the score was 6
    - vs 33% when the score was 5
  - **Total score of = 6 *and* all segment scores = 2 should be required as an adequacy standard for 10-year follow-up**
  - **BBPS segment scores of 2 or 3 (with 2 being noninferior to 3) are adequate bowel preparation for detection of adenomas > 5 mm**

# Other Validated Bowel Prep Scores

- Harefield Cleansing Scale
- Chicago Bowel Preparation Scale
  
- A standard, fully validated and universally accepted scale for use in clinical practice and trials has not yet been established

# Recommended Follow-Up Intervals for Inadequate Prep

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## Preliminary assessment in sigmoid colon

- Terminate exam & reschedule **OR** provide additional cleansing without cancelling

## If completed to cecum

- Reschedule within a year or shorter interval if advanced neoplasia was detected during exam

Assessment after all appropriate efforts to clear residual debris to detect lesions > 5 mm

Minimum adequate bowel preparation rates of 85%

# Dosing of Bowel Prep Agents

- Day before colonoscopy:
  - chyme from the small intestine enters the colon and accumulates, producing a film that coats the proximal colon and impairs detection of flat lesions
- Length of time between the last dose of preparation and the initiation of colonoscopy correlates with the quality of the proximal colon

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# Split-Dose

- Half of the bowel cleansing dose given on the day of the colonoscopy
- Meta analysis studies
  - Superior both efficacy and tolerability compared with day-before dosing
  - Leads to higher ADRs
  - Patient willingness to repeat preparation
  - Decreased incidence of nausea
- Same-day prep during AM for colonoscopy in PM provide similar efficacy to split-dose regimen

# Timing & Dosing

- Split-dose bowel preparation
  - Begin second half dose 4 to 6 hours before procedure time
  - Complete second half dose  $\geq$  2 to 5 hours before the procedure time
- Same-day preparation as an alternative to 2-day split-dosing for afternoon colonoscopy



# Bowel Prep Preparation



Davis GR, Santa Ana CA, Morawski SG et al.  
Development of a lavage solution associated with minimal water and electrolyte absorption or secretion.  
Gastroenterology 1980; 78: 991-995



May 2010 – 2017 (generic)



November 2018



Low-volume PEG May 2018



November 2020

# Types of Preparations

## Isosmotic

- High-volume (4L)
  - GoLYTELY & CoLyte
  - NuLyte & TriLyte (sulfate-free)
- Low-volume PEG (2-3L)
  - Moviprep & Plenvu (ascorbic acid)
  - Gavilyte-H and bisacodyl, PEG-Prep and bisacodyl

## Hyperosmotic

- Sodium sulfate-based preparations
  - SuPrep
  - Sutab
- Sodium phosphate-based preparations
  - Osmoprep

## Combination

- Sodium picosulfate (stimulant laxative) + magnesium oxide & citric acid (osmotic laxatives)
  - Prepopik
  - Clenpiq

- High-volume PEG
  - Older patient > 65 y/o
  - Chronic constipation
  - Previous inadequate bowel preparation
  - No tolerance to fluid or electrolyte shifts
    - congestive heart failure or hepatic or renal failure
  - Pregnancy (Category C)
  - IBD
  - Bariatric (extended time or low-volume)
- Low-volume PEG
  - Better taste - sulfate-free, low potassium
  - Avoid ascorbic acid in glucose-6-phosphate dehydrogenase deficiency

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  - Moviprep & Plenvu (ascorbic acid)
  - Gavilyte-H and bisacodyl, PEG-Prep and bisacodyl

- Sodium Sulfate
  - No significant fluid and electrolyte shifts
  - Only tested in patients without comorbidities
  - Effective as PEG preparations

A Phase 2 Randomized Trial of DCL-101, a Novel Pill-Based Colonoscopy Prep, vs 4L Polyethylene Glycol-Electrolyte Solution

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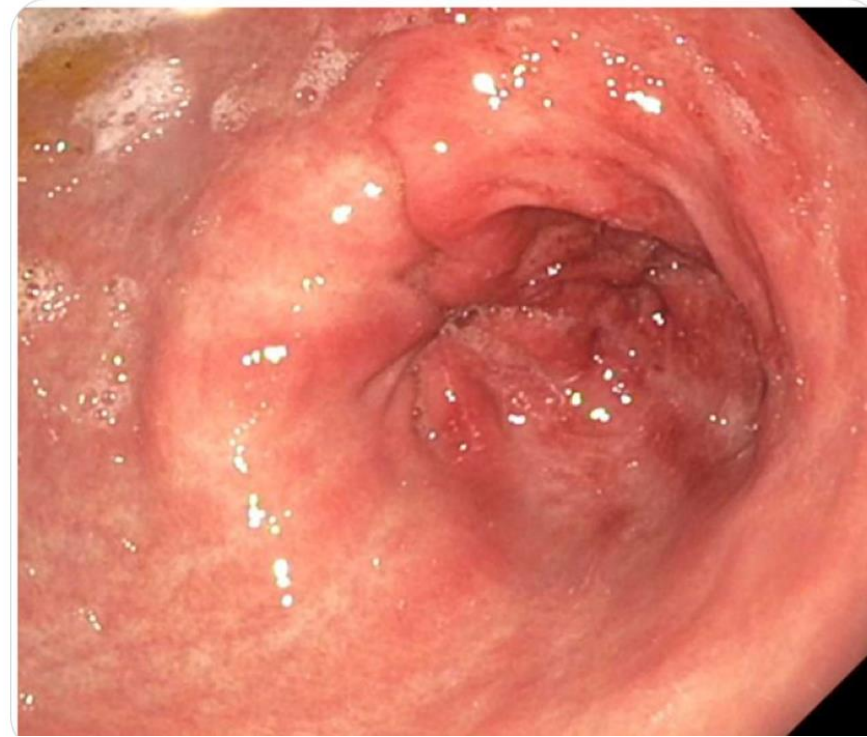
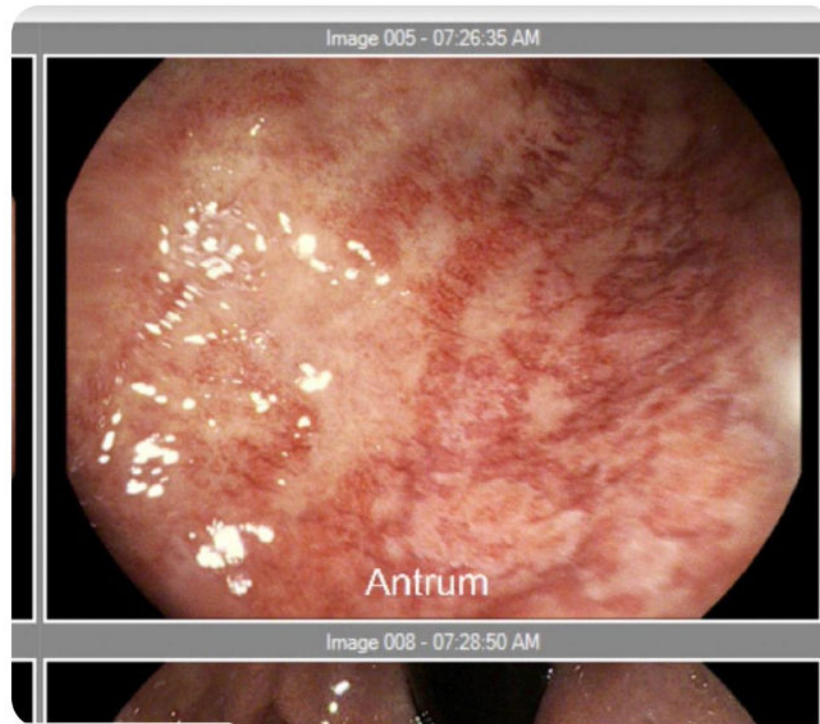


- Sodium Phosphate
  - FDA “black box warning” 2008
    - Seizures, nephropathy, fluid, e-lites imbalance, mucosal damage

## Hyperosmotic

- Sodium sulfate-based preparations
  - SuPrep
  - Sutab
- Sodium phosphate-based preparations
  - Osmoprep
  - Visicol

When doing a double, I've been seeing more gastritis on [#endoscopy](#) like this when using [#Sutab](#) for the [#colonoscopy](#). Anyone else? I don't have data but would love your thoughts! [#GITwitter](#) [#medtwitter](#)



The KCl in Sutab is about equal to 30 mEq of KCl divided in 12 aliquots. It may be enough to cause foregut mucosal injury in a minority of people? esp if it lingers in the stomach (not enough water, gastroparesis, etc)

- Sodium picosulfate

- Avoid in heart failure, renal insufficiency, end-stage liver disease, or electrolyte abnormalities because of the potential for electrolyte shifts
- Similar efficacy compared with PEG-3350 preparations



### Combination

- Sodium picosulfate (stimulant laxative) + magnesium oxide & citric acid (osmotic laxatives)
  - Prepopik
  - Clenpiq



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32 oz  
MANGO   FRUIT PUNCH

AT LEAST 32 oz  
  
PLUS ADDITIONAL CLEAR LIQUIDS TO BE CONSUMED AFTER EACH DOSE

**64** oz  
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## Suprep<sup>®</sup>

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**96** oz

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WATER ONLY  


ADDITIONAL CLEAR LIQUIDS MAY BE CONSUMED

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+  
**96** oz

## MoviPrep<sup>®</sup>

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AT LEAST  
**96** oz

## Clenpiq<sup>®</sup>

11 oz



AT LEAST 72 oz  


AT LEAST  
**83** oz

## Golytely<sup>®</sup>

128 oz



ADDITIONAL CLEAR LIQUIDS MAY BE CONSUMED

AT LEAST  
**128** oz

# Other Preparations

- Magnesium Citrate

- Hyperosmotic preparation (15 oz. in AM and PM)
- Can cause fluid and electrolyte shifts
  - Renal insufficiency (hypermagnesemia)
  - Heart failure and d-CLD



- Miralax and bisacodyl

- no clinically significant change in serum electrolytes
  - Hyponatremia
  - Sport drinks – fermentation produce explosive hydrogen gas (as mannitol)



# Other Preparations

- Senna
  - High-dose senna (24 tablets of 12 mg each) was as effective as 4 L PEG-ELS in 2 studies (more cramps and abdominal pain)
  - Low-dose senna (3–12 tablets) with 2 L PEG-ELS to increase its cleansing effect

# Timing of Bowel Prep Agent

- Suboptimal preparation is increased for colonoscopies scheduled later in the day
  - OR, 1.9; 95% CI, 1.7–2.1
- Length of time between the last dose of preparation and the initiation of colonoscopy
  - good/excellent preparation decreases by 10% for each hour
- Prospective observational study
  - **3 to 5 hours** between the last dose of PEG and the start of the colonoscopy provided best prep

► **Table 3** Factors that can improve bowel preparation quality [67, 76–84].

Product-related factors	Patient-related factors
<p><b>Tolerability</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Low preparation volume</li> <li>▪ Adequate palatability</li> </ul> <p><b>Dosing regimen</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Split-dosing (2-day or same day of colonoscopy)</li> </ul> <p><b>Timing of administration</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Final dose completed within 2 to 5 hours before the start of the procedure</li> </ul>	<p><b>Adherence to instructions</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Patient education</li> <li>▪ Health literacy</li> <li>▪ Motivation</li> </ul>

Table created with data from Johnson DA, et al. *Gastroenterology* 2014; 147: 903–924; Guo X, et al. *Gastrointest Endosc* 2017; 85: 90–97 e96; Mamula P, et al. *Gastrointest Endosc* 2009; 69: 1201–1209; Smith SG, et al. *Dis Colon Rectum* 2012; 55: 1074–1080; Cipolletta L, Rotondano G. *Dig Liver Dis* 2013; 45: 16–17; Kilgore TW, et al. *Gastrointest Endosc* 2011; 73: 1240–1245; Martel M, et al. *Gastroenterology* 2015; 149: 79–88; Horton N, et al. *Am J Gastroenterol* 2016; 111: 1330–1337; Avalos DJ, et al. *J Clin Gastroenterol* 2017; 52: 859–868; Seo EH, et al. *Gastrointest Endosc* 2012; 75: 583–590.

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Review

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# Intolerance to Bowel Prep Agent

- Allow a fiber-free diet
- Low preparation volume
- Sulfate-free solutions
- Chilling the solution & use a straw
- Sucking on lemon slices, sugar-free menthol candy drops
- Interrupt intake 1-2 hours or slow the rate of consumption
- Inpatients: NGT

# Intolerance to Bowel Prep Agent

- History of vomiting
  - ondasetron, promethazine, metoclopramide AND split-dose BP
  - 2-3 10 mg bisacodyl tabs q 6-8 hours the day prior to the exam & large volume tap water enemas until clear in the unit
- Vomiting de novo – ensure vomiting has stopped
  - 1<sup>st</sup> split dose:, 10 mg of bisacodyl and/or 10 oz. magnesium citrate; antiemetic as needed
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> split dose: ask about color of effluent, 10 mg of bisacodyl and magnesium citrate

# History of Inadequate Bowel Prep

- Check for compliance with diet, timing and dosing of prep agent
- Two days of clear liquids & AM procedure, split-dosing 4L PEG
  - Miralax week before
  - magnesium citrate if there are no contraindications
- Repeating bowel prep agent administration
  - In tandem over a two-day period
  - 3 days apart under clear diet



# Adjuncts to Colon Cleansing Before Colonoscopy

## Recommendation

1. The routine use of adjunctive agents for bowel cleansing before colonoscopy is not recommended (*Weak recommendation, moderate-quality evidence*)

Simethicone, flavored electrolyte solutions, prokinetics, spasmolytics, bisacodyl, senna, olive oil, and probiotics

No improved efficacy, safety, or tolerability of bowel prep

Agents may be useful in select circumstances, at the discretion of the prescribing physician

## Salvage Options for Inadequate Preparation

There is insufficient evidence to recommend a single salvage strategy for those patients encountered with a poor preparation that precludes effective completion of the colonoscopy. The following options can be considered in such cases:

### Recommendations

1. Large-volume enemas can be attempted for patients who, presenting on the day of colonoscopy, report brown effluent despite compliance with the prescribed colon-cleansing regimen (*Weak recommendation, very low quality evidence*)
2. Through-the-scope enema with completion colonoscopy on the same day can be considered, especially for those patients who receive propofol sedation (*Weak recommendation, very low quality evidence*)
3. Waking the patient entirely from sedation and continuing with further oral ingestion of cathartic with same-day or next-day colonoscopy has been associated with better outcomes than delayed colonoscopy (*Weak recommendation, low-quality evidence*)

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# Hospitalized Patients

- Inability to tolerate preparation
- Slow bowel transit
- Immobilization
- Acute illness MICU/CCU
- Motility altering medications



Day 1:

- Start clear liquid diet at dinner.
- Magnesium citrate 480ml after dinner.



Day 2:

- Continue clear liquid diet.
- PEG-ELS 4L over 2 hours in the morning.



Day 3:

- Continue clear liquid diet until midnight, then NPO.
- PEG-ELS 4L over 2 hours in the morning.

Day 4:

- Is rectal/colostomy output clear?

Yes


No

Ready for colonoscopy.

PEG-ELS 2 L prior to colonoscopy.

Research Article

## A safe and effective multi-day colonoscopy bowel preparation for individuals with spinal cord injuries

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- Rectal exam as needed to facilitate complete evacuation following each bowel movement
- 89% of patients (53) had adequate bowel cleansing at colonoscopy

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## Feasibility study of minimal prepared hydroflush screening colonoscopy

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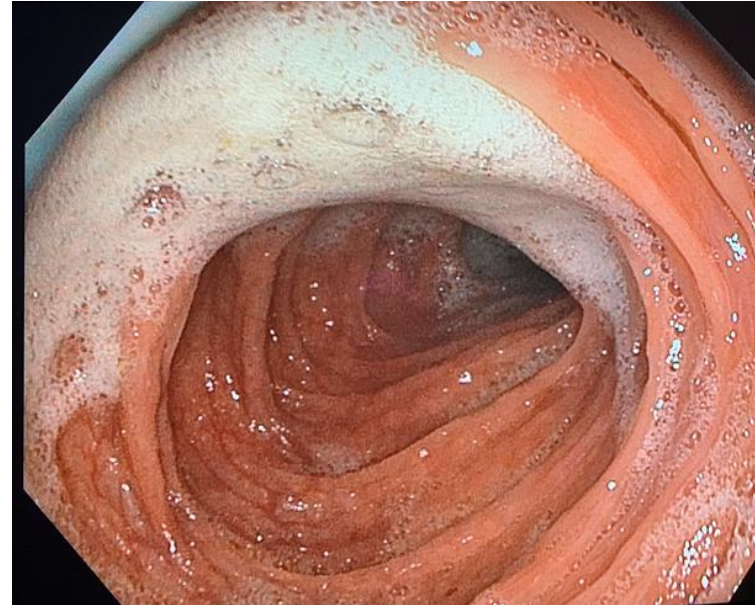
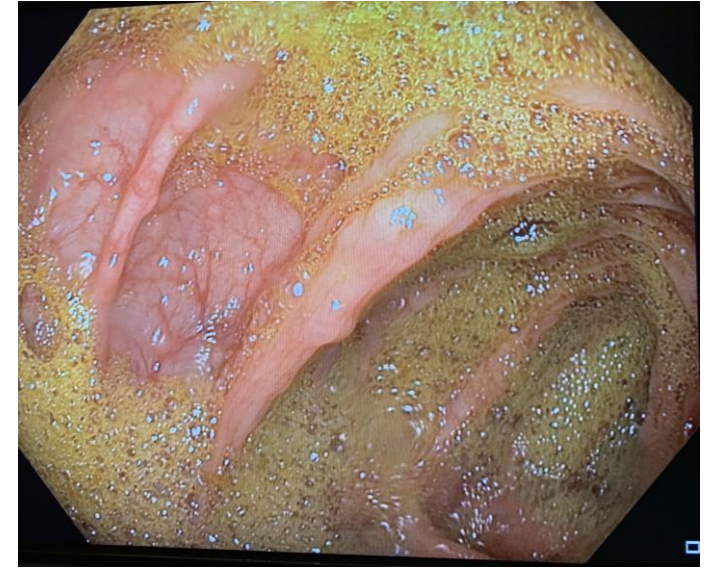
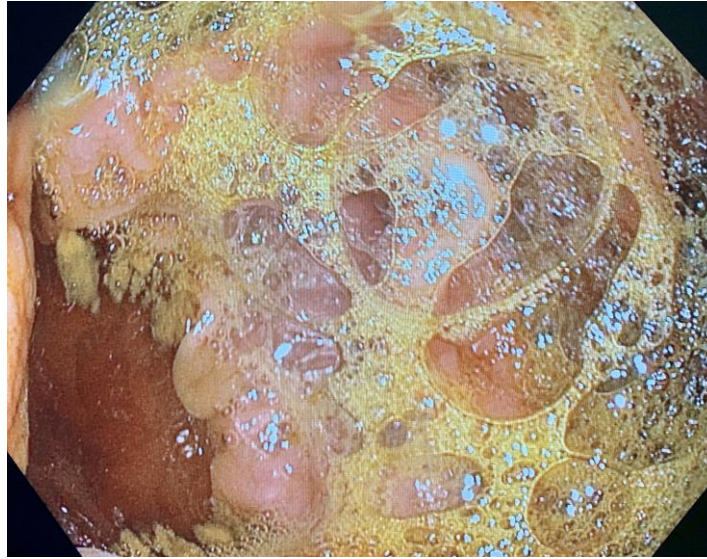
## A multicenter, prospective, inpatient feasibility study to evaluate the use of an intra-colonoscopy cleansing device to optimize colon preparation in hospitalized patients: the REDUCE study

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- Single use, disposable oversleeve fits over the scope and connected to a workstation
- System generates a mixture of water and air that creates a high intensity pulsed vortex
- Fecal matter and fluids are simultaneously removed through two suction ports

Bubbles!!



# Colonic Bubbles

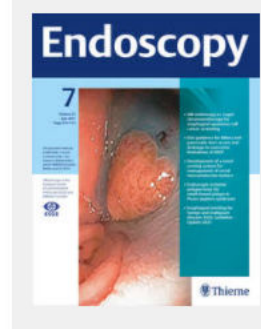
- Described in 30 to 40% of colonoscopies
- Validated bowel prep scales do not address the problem or possible actions
- Low-volume PEG solution containing ascorbic acid



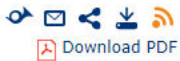
# Bubble Score

- Degree of obscuration by bubbles, bile, or debris as follows:
  - 0: < 50% of mucosa seen, severe obscuration
  - 1: 50% – 75% of mucosa seen, moderate obscuration)
  - 2: (80% – 95% of mucosa seen, mild obscuration)
  - 3: (> 95% of mucosa seen, no obscuration)

Yoo et al Improving of bowel cleansing effect for polyethylene glycol with ascorbic acid using simethicone. Medine (Baltimore) 2016



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## The Colon Endoscopic Bubble Scale (CEBuS): a two-phase evaluation study

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- CEBuS
  - CEBuS-0: no or minimal bubbles covering < 5 % of the surface
  - CEBuS-1: bubbles covering 5 %–50 %
  - CEBuS-2: bubbles covering > 50 %
    - ICC 0.83 (0.73-0.89) and 0.90 (0.86-0.94)
  - Reporting clinical action (do nothing; wash with water; wash with simethicone)
    - ICC 0.63 (0.43-0.78) in Phase 1 and 0.77 (0.68-0.84) in Phase 2

# Simethicone

- Dosage of 120 - 240 mg, or 45 mL of a 30% solution
- Through-the-scope may result in residue and persistent contamination in the endoscopic channels despite utilizing HLD and adherence to reprocessing methods
- Concerns about transmitting infection through contaminated endoscopes
- No confirmed cases of infection related to simethicone use

## **AGA SECTION**

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**Optimizing Adequacy of Bowel Cleansing for Colonoscopy:  
Recommendations From the US Multi-Society Task Force  
on Colorectal Cancer**

High or low-volume prep, split-dose

Assessment after all appropriate efforts to clear residual debris to detect lesions > 5 mm

Minimum adequate bowel preparation rates of 85%  
(BBP  $\geq$  6) & document

Recommended Follow-Up Intervals for Inadequate Prep