

## INFORMATION FOR PATIENTS

# Extended preparation prior to colonoscopy

For a colonoscopy to be effective it is essential that the bowel is adequately cleansed prior to the procedure. A number of people will require additional preparation prior to colonoscopy, including laxatives and prolonged dietary restrictions leading up to the procedure. People who have constipation or diabetes, take medications which prohibit effective bowel cleansing and have had previously failed attempts at colonoscopy due to poor results from standard bowel cleansing will benefit from additional preparation.

Please scan the QR code on the right using your phone's camera, to view a video, which will help you prepare for the colonoscopy.

**It is important that you follow the guidance below starting seven days before the date of your procedure to aid effective bowel cleaning prior to your appointment.**



☐ Laxido supplied – ten sachets (if not received please contact the Endoscopy unit).

<b>Seven</b> days prior to your test	Stop taking iron medications if you take them		
<b>Six</b> days prior to your test		Drink two litres of water	<b>Take Laxido</b> – one sachet twice (am and pm)
<b>Five</b> days prior to your test	Please follow the low residue diet guidance found with your bowel prep information	Drink two litres of water	<b>Take Laxido</b> – one sachet twice (am and pm)
<b>Four</b> days prior to your test	Please follow the low residue diet guidance found with your bowel prep information	Drink two litres of water	<b>Take Laxido</b> – one sachet twice (am and pm)
<b>Three</b> days prior to your test	Please follow the low residue diet guidance found with your bowel prep information	Drink two litres of water	<b>Take Laxido</b> – one sachet twice (am and pm)

<b>Two</b> days prior to your test	Please follow the low residue diet guidance found with your bowel prep information	Drink two litres of water	<b>Take Laxido</b> – one sachet twice (am and pm)
<b>One</b> day prior to your test	Please follow the low residue diet guidance found with your bowel prep information  <b>No food after 1pm</b>	Drink two litres of water	<b>Take 2 Senna tablets</b> (15mg) in the evening  <b>Start taking your Plenvu</b> bowel prep or alternative (as prescribed) Follow the instructions provided with your prep
<b>Day of your test</b>	Continue clear fluids up until two hours before your procedure time		<b>Take your second dose of Plenvu</b> (or alternative) follow the instructions provided with your prep



**First dose of Plenvu taken at 7pm the day before your appointment time.**

**Please follow the enclosed Plenvu leaflet.**



**Second dose of Plenvu as per your appointment time.**

**To be taken five hours before your appointment.**

**Please follow the enclosed Plenvu leaflet.**



**Nil by mouth- as per appointment time.**

**Please follow the enclosed Plenvu leaflet.**

### **Contact us**

If you need to change or cancel your appointment, or you have questions or concerns about preparing your bowel for colonoscopy or the colonoscopy procedure, please contact the Endoscopy Unit (which is open from Monday to Thursday 8am-8pm, and Friday to Sunday, 8am-6pm) using the number on your appointment letter.

### **In case of emergency**

Please contact the out of hours emergency advice line by dialling 111.

### Further sources of information

NHS Choices: [www.nhs.uk/conditions](http://www.nhs.uk/conditions)

Our website: [www.sfh-tr.nhs.uk](http://www.sfh-tr.nhs.uk)

### Patient Experience Team (PET)

PET is available to help with any of your compliments, concerns, or complaints, and will ensure a prompt and efficient service.

**King's Mill Hospital:** 01623 672222

**Newark Hospital:** 01636 685692

**Email:** [sfh-tr.PET@nhs.net](mailto:sfh-tr.PET@nhs.net)

If you would like this information in an alternative format, for example large print or easy read, or if you need help with communicating with us, for example because you use British Sign Language, please let us know. You can call the Patient Experience Team on 01623 672222 or email [sfh-tr.PET@nhs.net](mailto:sfh-tr.PET@nhs.net).

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