

Medication Questions Before Your Colonoscopy

This guide is general education only - it is not medical advice and ScopeCoach is not a medical device. Hospitals differ, so always follow your own bowel preparation instructions. If they differ from this guide, your hospital's instructions win.

Do not make medication changes from this guide

- Never stop, start, delay or change a medicine unless your own doctor, specialist or hospital has told you to do so.

Ask your healthcare team about

- Prescription medicines and the time you should take them on preparation day.
- Medicines that affect bleeding or clotting.
- Diabetes medicines, insulin and medicines that affect appetite or stomach emptying.
- Iron, fibre products, vitamins, supplements and herbal products.
- What to do if you vomit, miss a dose or cannot keep fluids down.

Have this information ready

- A current list or photo of all medicines, including doses.
- The name of the bowel preparation product you were prescribed.
- Your procedure date and arrival time.
- The written medication instructions supplied by your hospital.

Need help?

- Contact your doctor, hospital or procedure unit for advice specific to you.
- In an emergency call 000. In Queensland, 13 HEALTH is available on 13 43 25 84; healthdirect is available Australia-wide on 1800 022 222.