

Patient Education

Digestive Disease Center



Colonoscopy

After your test

Call us right away if you have any of these problems in the next 7 days:

- Unusual stomach pain or shoulder pain.
- Blood in your stool or black stool.
- A fever above 100°F.

Your doctor was:

Instructions

You can resume your usual diet and medicines.

For your safety and the safety of others:

- Do not drive today. It is against the law.
- Do not drink alcohol today.

Results

- Normal exam. Repeat colonoscopy in _____ years.
- One or more biopsies (small samples of tissue) were taken. In about 2 weeks, you will receive a letter with the pathology results.
- _____ polyps were removed. In about 2 weeks, you will receive a letter with the pathology results and a recommendation for when to schedule your next colonoscopy.
- During the next 7 days, do not take aspirin, or pain or arthritis medicines that thin your blood (such as Advil, ibuprofen, Motrin, Aleve, and Naprosyn). You can take Tylenol.

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Questions?

Call us at 206-598-4377 weekdays between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. At all other times, call the paging operator at 206-598-6190 and ask to speak to the gastroenterologist on call.