

Plenvu® Afternoon Procedure

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Plenvu® is given prior to colonoscopy or flexible sigmoidoscopy to ensure the bowel is empty, this allows a complete investigation.

It is essential that your bowel is empty for this investigation.

For your bowel to be empty please follow these instructions carefully.

It is important that you also read the manufacturers information sheet, which is provided with your medication and explains how to make-up/take the doses.

Five days before:

Do not any eat nuts or seeds

Stop taking the following medication

- Imodium® (loperamide)
- Codeine Phosphate
- Lomitol® (co-phenotrope)
- Iron Tablets or multivitamins that contain iron
- Fybogel® (ispaghula husk)

Please note all other medications such as heart tablets and blood pressure tablets should be continued as normal, including on the day of your test. The pre-assessment nurse will advise you during your pre-assessment appointment if you are diabetic or are taking any medication that thins your blood, other than aspirin (which you can remain on).

Three days before:

Start the low-fibre diet; please avoid eating nuts and seeds.

Low-fibre diet	
✓ Choose	X Avoid
Cereals: Cornflakes, Rice Krispies, Ricles, Coco Pops, Sugar Puffs	All Bran, Weetabix, Shredded Wheat, oat bran, bran flakes, muesli, Ready Brek®, porridge
Bread: White, rolls, plain scones, croissants	Brown bread Wholemeal/wholegrain/seeded/granary or oat. Brown Rice, wholegrain pasta and noodles
White rice, pasta and noodles	Fruit and Vegetables
Savouries: Chicken, turkey, fish, cheese, eggs, fishfingers. Boiled or mashed potato. Tofu.	All red meat
Milk	Fruit and vegetables
Soup: Consommé, sieved soups	Vegetable, lentil or bean soups
Miscellaneous: Jelly (not red), mayonnaise, honey, syrup, butter, margarine, mustard, yoghurt, cream, ice-cream	Ground peppercorns, hummus, marmalade
Dairy-free alternatives, gluten-free products. Vegan jellies (NOT RED).	Quorn

One day before:

Have a light breakfast and lunch before **1pm** and then **STOP EATING solid food** until after your colonoscopy.

- From **1pm** take plenty of clear fluids, drink sugary drinks, not diet or sugar-free versions.
- **Permitted clear fluids**
Water, black tea, black coffee, Coca Cola®, lemonade, soda water, herbal teas, consommé, squash, Lucozade®, yeast or beef extract drinks such as Bovril® and Oxo®, hot honey and lemon. Additionally, you can have any sugar-based sweets, Foxes® glacier fruits, mints, Polos® and dextrose tablets. Do not have blackcurrant strawberry or raspberry sweets. Avoid drinks that have purple or red dye.

DO NOT consume any milk-based drinks.

On the day of your procedure:

Remember do not eat any solid food

- At **6am** make up your first dose of Plenvu®. Sip this slowly over the next hour. Drink a minimum of 1,000ml (one litre) of clear fluids. Alternating between Plenvu® and clear fluid is acceptable.
- At **9am** make up your second dose of Plenvu®. Sip this slowly over the next hour. Drink a minimum of 1,000ml (one litre) of clear fluids. Alternating between Plenvu® and clear fluid is acceptable.

Remember, it is important to drink plenty of fluids when fasting as the bowel preparation can dehydrate you. If you are having a colonoscopy or flexible sigmoidoscopy you will already be on a clear fluid diet. You may drink **clear non-fizzy fluids**, such as plain squash, black tea or coffee (no milk), which you can continue until your procedure. Please drink plenty of fluids.

After drinking Plenvu® you should experience frequent liquid bowel movements, so stay near the toilet because you may need to use it urgently. You may find that applying a barrier cream such as Vaseline®/ Sudocrem® to your bottom will reduce any soreness the diarrhoea may cause.

If you are diabetic, the pre-assessment nurse will advise you and give you a patient information leaflet about your diabetes management.

If you have any difficulties

The common side effects of abdominal cramps, nausea, and bloating can be reduced by taking the solution more slowly.

When taking Plenvu® some intestinal cramping is normal. If you feel clammy, faint or vomit, please stop taking the preparation and contact the Endoscopy Unit on **01392 402400** within office hours.

Out-of-hours call 111 or 999 in an emergency

If you feel you will be unable to complete the bowel preparation successfully, please contact the endoscopy unit.

Contact Details

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Endoscopy Unit Tel: 01392 402 400

Opening hours: Monday to Saturday, 8am - 5pm

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