

Supplement information

Patient education

- Not shaving before the procedure.
- Postoperative wound care instructions according to wound closure and/or wound dressing chosen.

Preoperative bathing

- **Use of a pre-admission shower with 4% chlorhexidine gluconate (CHG) soap the night before and the morning of surgery.** A clean washcloth should be used to apply soap to the body. The soap should be used on all areas of the body, from the neck down. The patient should gently scrub the skin for 5 minutes to ensure appropriate coverage and diffusion of CHG into the top layers of the skin. Special attention should be focused on the surgical area of the body (i.e., abdomen).
- CHG soap must not be used on the face, head, or genital areas of the body.
- **Alternatively, the patient may use 2% chlorhexidine gluconate wipes.** One washcloth should be applied the night before the surgery and the morning of surgery at the neck, chest, and over the surgical area (abdomen) for 3 minutes.

Bowel Preparation

Bowel Regimen

- MiraLAX - one bottle of 119 g mixed in 64 ounces (1.89 L) of electrolytic drinks (Gatorade) or water drink the evening prior to surgery before midnight.
- Bisacodyl 5mg tablets – take 4 tablets the evening prior to surgery.

Oral Antibiotic Regimen

- Neomycin 500mg – 6 tablets to be taken as directed: Take 2 tablets at 1 PM, 2 PM, and 10 PM the day prior to surgery.

- Metronidazole 500mg – 3 tablets to be taken as directed. Take 1 tablet at 1 PM, 2 PM, and 10 PM the day prior to surgery.