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COLONOSCOPY

It tests the lining of the colon by passing a thin scope.

Indications:

- Screening for Colon cancer
- Blood in bowel motion
- A Change in bowel habit
- Anemia of unknown origin
- Unexplained rectal or abdominal pain.
- Abnormal results of other colon tests
- History of colon cancer

Instructions:

- Stop some medications and food
- Medications to cause watery diarrhea

Procedure:

- Sedatives to be relaxed.
- Scope (camera and light source) is introduced through the anus.
- Biopsy may be taken from lesions or polyps. Not painful.

After the Procedure:

- You can resume eating normally.
- You should be escorted back home.

Call doctor if you feel:

- Belly pain that is much worse than air insufflation.
- Bloating or hard belly
- Vomiting
- Fever
- A lot of bleeding per rectum.



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