

## Colonoscopy Information

### What is a colonoscopy?

A long, flexible tube (scope) is slowly guided into your colon through your rectum. You are given medication to keep you from feeling much discomfort. The scope sends a picture of the inside of the colon to a video screen.

A doctor examines the lining of the colon and can remove polyps using tiny tools passed through the scope. For most people, a colonoscopy is a straightforward procedure; however, on rare occasion, some people may have bleeding or other complications such as a perforation (tear) that may require a hospital stay.

- [Colonversation colonoscopy animation](#)  
Video explaining how to prepare for a colonoscopy.
- [Coloscopie \(en français\)](#)  
Video explaining how to prepare for a colonoscopy (in French).

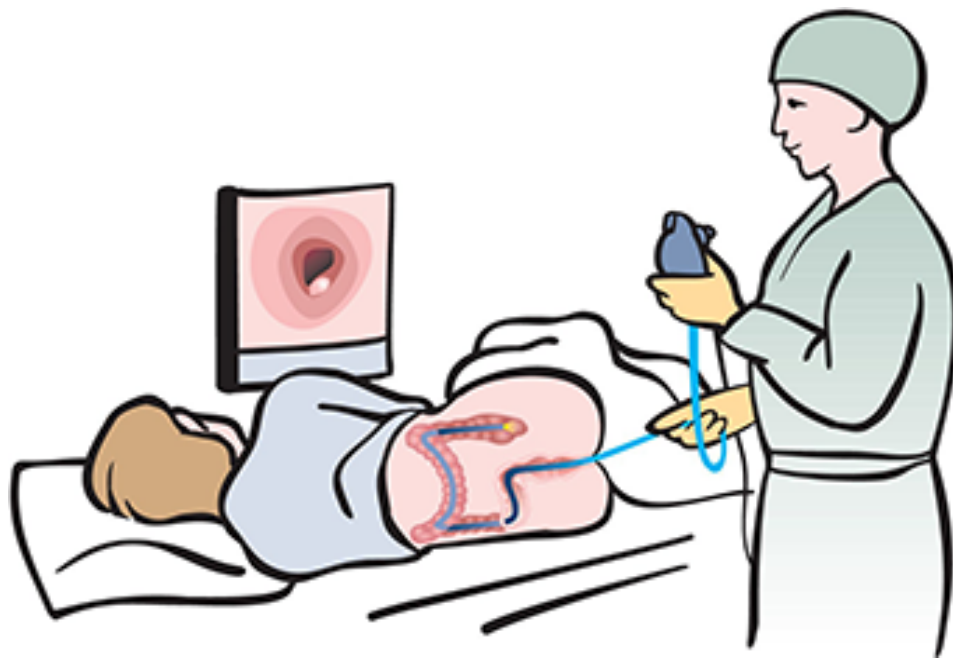


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