This plan is meant to be a guide, not medical advice. Always seek in-person medical advice and make medical decisions with your physician.

**6 days before colonoscopy:**
1. Read all preparation instructions
   - Create meal plan of items you prefer
   - Make shopping list
   - Purchase groceries for meal plan
   - Acquire colonoscopy preparation products
2. Arrange a driver for your procedure
3. Stop all medications containing aspirin and ibuprofen

**5 days before colonoscopy:**
1. Acetaminophen is okay
2. Determine meals for five days
3. Stop supplements: Herbal, vitamins and oral iron supplements
4. Start low-fiber diet meal plan

**Foods ALLOWED five days before the procedure:**
- White bread, pasta and noodles, white rice, potatoes without skin
- Canned or well-cooked vegetables without seeds or skin
- Canned fruit or fresh fruit without skin or membranes
- Tender meat, chicken or fish

**Foods to AVOID five days before the procedure:**
- Any food containing seeds, nuts or popcorn
- Raw vegetables with a skin, seeds, corn, broccoli, cabbage, dried beans or peas
- Whole grain bread or pasta, brown or wild rice, cereal such as oatmeal, shredded wheat and granola
- Fruit with skins
- Tough meat with gristle
- Fatty foods

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**Suggested Meal Plan**

**4 days before colonoscopy:**
- **Breakfast:** eggs, white toast, jam
- **Lunch:** turkey sandwich on white bread with avocados, baked potato chips
- **Dinner:** grilled chicken thighs, sautéed mushrooms, white rice cooked in mushroom broth

**3 days before colonoscopy:**
- **Breakfast:** Greek yogurt with bananas and honey topping
- **Lunch:** tuna with olive oil and lemon juice on sour dough bread, honeydew melon cubes
- **Dinner:** cedar plank wild salmon (no coloring), sautéed spinach with garlic, Israeli couscous

**2 days before colonoscopy:**
- **Breakfast:** half cantaloupe with Greek yogurt and honey topping
- **Lunch:** turkey sandwich on sour dough bread, honeydew melon cubes
- **Dinner:** Orecchiette

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