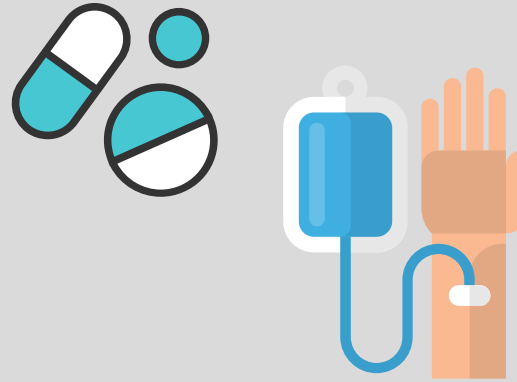


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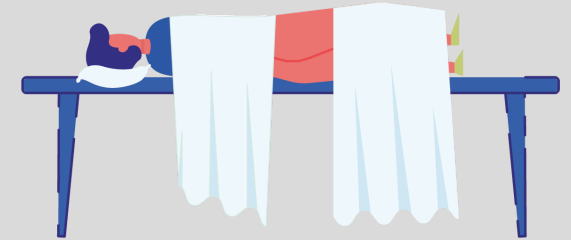
When I have a colonoscopy, the doctor will ask me to put on a gown.



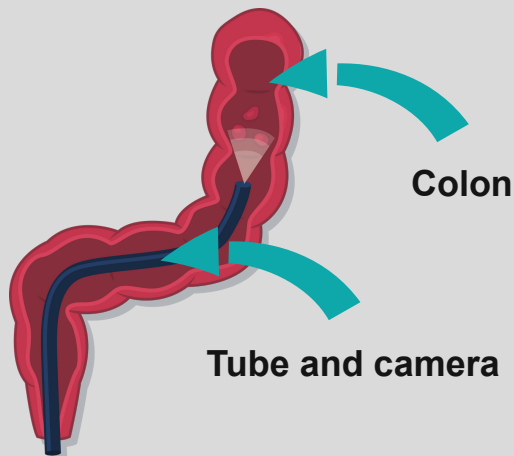
The doctor will give me medicine to make me sleepy. This may be in a pill or in an IV.



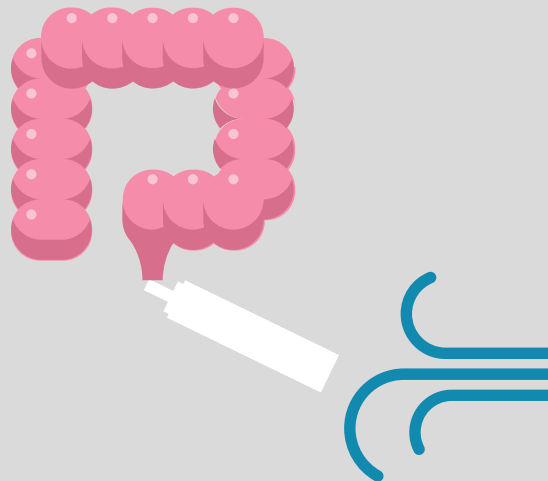
I will lay down on my side on the exam table, with my knees bent toward my chest.



The doctor will use a long, flexible tube with a camera to look at my rectum and entire colon.



The doctor may pump air into my colon so they can see better.

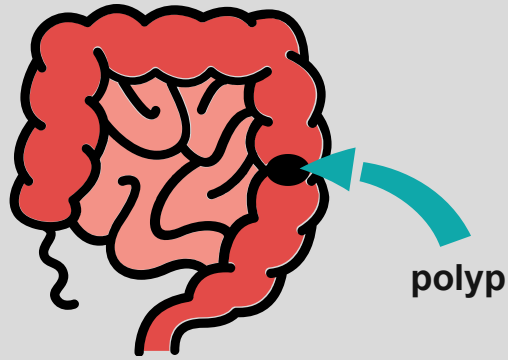


The doctor will use the camera to take pictures and make sure my colon is healthy.



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If the doctor sees something wrong, they can remove it during my colonoscopy.



My colonoscopy will last 30-60 minutes. It won't seem very long because I'll be sleeping.



After my colonoscopy, I may feel sleepy for the rest of the day because of the medicine.



My doctor may have me eat a special diet for a few days.



I may feel bloated or pass gas after my colonoscopy. Walking around can help me feel better.



There may be a small amount of blood in my first bowel movement after the exam. This is normal and okay.

