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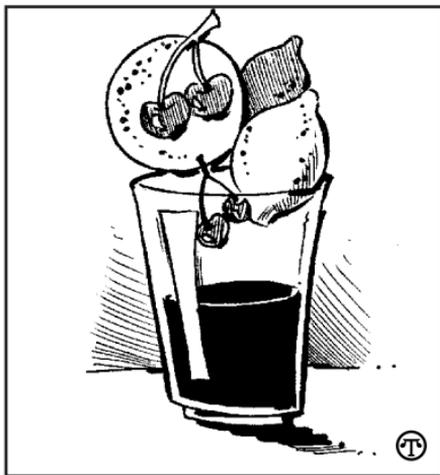
Safely Cleaning Out The Gastrointestinal Tract

(NAPSA)—As part of a preventive medical regimen, it is increasingly common for physicians to recommend diagnostic tests—such as a colonoscopy or endoscopy—for patients over 50, in hopes of preventing colorectal cancer, or at least catching it in its early stages.

To prepare for such a procedure, patients traditionally need to clean out their bowels. However, a recent Food and Drug Administration (FDA) safety review has found that a common over-the-counter preparation used for this purpose—known as sodium phosphate oral solution—can cause health problems.

According to the FDA, patients who take in more than 45 ml of oral sodium phosphate solution during a 24-hour period could experience serious electrolyte disturbances—regardless of their general health. In people with pre-existing medical conditions or compromised health, these electrolyte shifts can be clinically significant, resulting in dehydration, renal failure—even death.

Fortunately, another option exists, one that has been proven safe for elderly, diabetic, hypertensive, cardiac and renal patients, as well as those with electrolyte imbalances. Known as NuLYTELY, the prescription product is even indicated for children as young as 6 months of age.



A fruit-flavored solution offers a safe cleansing option for gastrointestinal patients.

Developed by Braintree Laboratories, NuLYTELY® (PEG-3350, Sodium Chloride, Sodium Bicarbonate and Potassium Chloride for Oral Solution) has been shown to provide fast, effective results; a patient can be prepped in just four hours. The product contains no sodium phosphate or sodium sulfate, and comes in four great tasting flavors: orange, lemon-lime, cherry and mineral water.

NuLYTELY is contraindicated in patients with gastrointestinal obstruction, gastric retention, bowel perforation, toxic colitis, toxic megacolon or ileus. For more information, visit the Web site at www.braintreelabs.com.