# EATING & DRINKING GUIDELINES BEFORE SURGERY, TESTING OR TREATMENT

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# PLEASE READ BEFORE THE DAY OF SURGERY!

- \* Breastfed infants may have breastmilk up to 4 hours before arriving at the hospital
- \* Diabetic patients please consult your physician for more detailed instructions on eating and drinking

#### Latest Time You Can Eat or Drink\*

### Type of Food/Drink

#### Recommendations

#### 6 hours before

you are told to arrive at hospital



**Light Snack** Option 1:

Cereal with skim milk

Option 2:

Hardboiled egg with apple juice

Option 3:

Fruit with tea or coffee

Option 4:

One slice of turkey with toast

**NO: Fried or Fatty Foods** 

# Latest Time You Can Eat or Drink\*

## Type of Food/Drink

## Recommendations

# **2 hours before** you are told to arrive at hospital



Clear Liquids (12oz)

Option 1. Water

Option 2. Apple Juice

Option 3. Cola

Option 4. Gatorade

Option 5. Black Tea

Option 6. Black Coffee

Option 7. Suggested

pre-operative carbohydrate drink