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# Trans-Upper GI Endoscope PEG Infusion for Bowel Preparation prior to Colonoscopy: A Comparative Study of Isotonic versus Hypertonic PEG

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#### Background

The use of polyethylene glycol (PEG) in large volumes is required for bowel preparation prior to colonoscopy and is therefore associated with considerable gastrointestinal (GI) distress. Therefore, we proposed a PEG infusion method using an isotonic PEG (Niflec®) at DDW 2013.

### Objective

- To evaluate the comparative effectiveness of the infusion method using isotonic PEG (Niflec®) versus hypertonic PEG (Moviprep®)
- To improve GI distress in patients undergoing bowel preparation for colonoscopy.

#### Patients and Methods

After completion of routine upper GI endoscopic procedures, bowel cleansing with PEG infusion into the duodenal second portion and the gastric corpus was attempted in this study as a modality for bowel cleansing prior to colonoscopy to alleviate GI distress. Of the 152 patients given Niflec between June 2011 and March 2013, and of the 261 patients given Moviprep between June 2013 and October 2014 at TF clinic, the study included, as successful cases for analysis, 147 patients given Niflec (96.7%) and 253 patients given Moviprep (96.9%) in whom PEG 0.8 L or greater was infused using the GI endoscope. Each group was evaluated for efficacy of bowel cleansing with PEG infusion as assessed by endoscopy and patient satisfaction to evaluate the usefulness of the modality. To reduce the abdominal fullness during endoscopic examinations including PEG infusion, we used CO<sup>2</sup>, instead of room air, for endoscopic insufflation. PEG infusion via the GI endoscope was performed manually by using 50 mL syringes for Niflec or by using a trans-endoscope water conveyance system for Moviprep (Water Please, Forte Grow Medical Co., Japan), with the infusion time set at 5 minutes in either case.

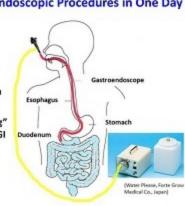
#### Bowel Preparation with PEG Infusion in Patients Undergoing Both Upper and Lower GI Endoscopic Procedures in One Day

Start an upper GI endoscopic procedure

Infusion proper dose of PEG directly into the duodenum first and then proper dose of PEG into the stomach

Give 3 "itopride hydrochrolide 50 mg" tablets, 30 minutes after the upper GI endoscopic procedure

3 hours after PEG infusion, start a lower GI endoscopic procedure (colonoscopy)



PEG Infusion Using a Tans-Endoscope Water Conveyance System



PEG Infusion tube

#### Results

Greater bowel cleansing as well as higher patient satisfaction was achieved with Moviprep at a lower dose within a shorter time than with Niflec (Table). Reasons for discontinuation due to PEG infusion less than 0.8 L included vagovagal reflux in 4 patients given Niflec and vomiting in 1 patient given Niflec, versus vagovagal reflux in 5 patients, sore throat, vomiting, abdominal fullness, in 1 patient each given Moviprep. No associated complication, such as aspiration pneumonia, was seen with either PEG.

## **Summary of Results Described in Table**

Compared to Niflec, Moviprep offers: ✓ Superior bowel cleansing at a lower dose

✓ Bowel cleansing in a shorter time

✓ GI endoscopic procedures in a shorter time

✓ Greater patient satisfaction

#### Analysis of Patients Completing PEG Infusion > 0.8 L (Successful Cases)

		Niflec (PEG-ELS)*	Moviprep (PEG-ELS+Asc)**
PEG infusion	success rate*	96.7% (147/152)	96.9% (253/261)
No. of successful cases		147	253
Mean age (years)		63.2 (34-86)	61.7 (32-85)
Sex (M/F)		66/81	111/142
GI endoscop	у		
Mean procedural time		13.7 min (6-20)	11.0 min (6-21)
Grade of associated GI distress	"Comfortable" "Neither comfortable nor uncomfortable" "Uncomfortable"	81.0% (119) 17.0% (25) 2.0% (3)	85.0% (215) 12.3% (31) 2.8% (7)
Status of bowel cleansing	"Good" "Acceptable" "Poor"	77.6% (114) 15.6% (23) 6.8% (10)	86.2% (218) 9.1% (23) 4.7% (12)

		Niflec (PEG-ELS)*	Moviprep (PEG-ELS+Asc)**
Mean cleansing time (range)		126.7 min (45-270)	112.5 min (47-260)
Cecal intubation rate		99.3% (146/147)	99.6% (252/253)
Mean cecal intubation time		6.4 min (2-40)	5.9 min (2-16)
Patient satisfaction	"Excellent" "Moderate" "Poor"	87.1% (128) 8.8% (13) 4.1% (6)	93.7% (237) 4.3% (11) 2.0% (5)
Mean infusion volume		1.33 L (0.8-1.5)	0.95 L (0.8-1.45)
PEG volume associated with:	"Good" cleansing "Acceptable" cleansing "Poor" cleansing	1.33 L (0.8-1.5) 1.36 L (1.2-1.5) 1.36 L (1.2-1.5)	0.95 L (0.8-1.45) 0.97 L (0.8-1.0) 0.92 L (0.9-1.0)

\*GOLYTELY; June 2011 and March 2013, \*\*; June 2013 and October 2014

#### Conclusions

Trans-upper GI endoscope PEG infusion is a useful method for bowel preparation prior to colonoscopy as not calling for large amounts of PEG. Hypertonic PEG offers superior bowel cleansing than isotonic PEG and is therefore thought to be suitable for use in the proposed PEG infusion method.

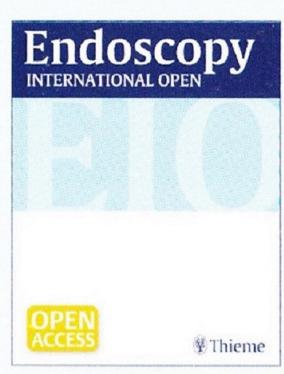
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