

Ensure Surgery[®] Nutritional Supplement

Ensure Surgery[®] is a drink with nutrients that boost your immune system. Each carton provides 18 grams of protein, 45 grams of carbohydrates and 330 calories.

Why do I need to drink it?

Drinking this before surgery:

- Improves nutrition
- Shortens hospital stays
- Decreases chances of wound infection
- Helps the body heal after surgery

How do I drink it?

Drink 1 carton twice a day for 7 days before surgery. The clinic will give you 1 case (15 cartons). You should drink the remaining carton when you get home from the hospital.

Important

- Drink **all** 14 of the cartons.
- You must still drink 2 cartons the day before surgery even if you are taking laxatives.
- **Track** when to drink the Ensure Surgery[®]. There is a log in this handout. Fill out the dates and mark down each time you drink one.
- **Do not** drink Ensure Surgery[®] on the day of your surgery. This will cause your surgery to be canceled or delayed.
- **Do not** drink if you have an allergy to fish (not shellfish). It contains Omega 3 fatty acids.
- It tastes better chilled. If you do not like the taste of this drink, add a flavored syrup, powder, extract or make one of the recipes in this handout.

Can I drink Ensure Surgery[®] if I have diabetes?

Yes. You still need to drink all 15 cartons. You should drink ½ of a carton with breakfast, lunch, dinner, and bedtime. They should be stored in the refrigerator with the cap on.

Flavoring Tips

Try adding flavored syrups, powders, or extracts to a Ensure Surgery[®] Drink.

Syrups

- 1 Tbsp regular or sugar free chocolate, strawberry, or caramel syrup
- 2 tsp regular or sugar free flavored syrups (i.e., Irish cream, hazelnut, raspberry, caramel, mint)
- 2 tsp regular or sugar free liquid coffee creamers

Powders

- 1-2 Tbsp malt powder (dissolve in a small amount of hot water first)
- 2 tsp instant coffee powder
- 1-2 Tbsp Nesquik Chocolate or Strawberry powder

Extracts

- Try ⅛-¼ tsp orange, raspberry, pineapple, cherry, maple, cinnamon, coconut, banana, almond, or mint

Who to Call

If you have more questions, please contact UW Health at one of the phone numbers listed. You can visit our website at www.uwhealth.org/nutrition.

Nutrition clinics for UW Hospital and Clinics (UWHC) and American Family Children's Hospital (AFCH) can be reached at: **(608) 890-5500**.

Nutrition clinics for UW Medical Foundation (UWMF) can be reached at: **(608) 287-2770**.

Recipes for Ensure Surgery

Peanut Butter Banana Shake

Makes 1

Ingredients

- 1 – container Ensure Surgery® Drink Vanilla
- 2 tsp creamy peanut butter
- ½ banana, sliced

Directions

Place all ingredients in a blender and mix until smooth. Serve right away.

Creamy Hot Cocoa

Makes 1 serving

Ingredients

- 1 – .71 oz packet Nestlé Rich Milk Chocolate hot cocoa mix
- 1 – container Ensure Surgery® Drink Vanilla

Directions

Pour Impact Ensure Surgery® into a microwave safe container and heat to desired temperature (do not boil). Add hot cocoa mix and stir well.

Lemon Blueberry Cream Smoothie

Makes 1 serving

Ingredients

- 1 – Ensure Surgery® Drink Vanilla
- ½ cup blueberries, fresh or frozen (thawed and drained)
- ¼ cup light, nonfat blueberry yogurt
- 1 Tbsp lemon juice

Directions

Place all ingredients in a blender and mix until smooth. Serve right away.

Strawberry Banana Smoothie

Makes 1 serving

Ingredients

- 1 – container Ensure Surgery® Drink Vanilla
- ½ cup sliced strawberries, fresh or frozen
- ½ small banana

Directions

Place all ingredients in a blender and mix until smooth. Serve right away.

Your health care team may have given you this information as part of your care. If so, please use it and call if you have any questions. If this information was not given to you as part of your care, please check with your doctor. This is not medical advice. This is not to be used for diagnosis or treatment of any medical condition. Because each person's health needs are different, you should talk with your doctor or others on your health care team when using this information. If you have an emergency, please call 911. Copyright © 2/2023 University of Wisconsin Hospitals and Clinics Authority. All rights reserved. Produced by the Department of Nursing. HF#605

Ensure Surgery® Log

	Date	Carton 1	Carton 2
7 Days Before Surgery			
6 Days Before Surgery			
5 Days Before Surgery			
4 Days Before Surgery			
3 Days Before Surgery			
2 Days Before Surgery			
1 Day Before Surgery			
Date of Surgery*			

***Do not drink Ensure Surgery® on the day of surgery**

Drink remaining carton when you get home after surgery.