

# **Preparing for your Bacterial Overgrowth Test**

Please READ ALL instructions carefully

Advise your physician if you have been taking antibiotics in the last 30 days.

# THE DAY PRIOR TO THE TEST:

- Avoid beans, brans, or other high fiber cereals, muffins & etc...
- Do not eat any food **12 hours** before your scheduled test.
- You can drink water until midnight.

## THE MORNING OF THE TEST:

- You may brush your teeth, but do not swallow.
- Do not use mouthwash.
- Do not smoke, avoid any exercise of any kind.
- Do not chew gum or mints.
- Do not eat breakfast.
- You may take your medications with a sip of water.

## **30 MINUTES PRIOR TO THE TEST:**

• Take 10 grams of Lactulose (Enoluse syrup) dissolved in 8 ounces of water (a prescription is provided), then nothing by mouth.

### **UPON ARRIVAL TO THE OFFICE:**

- You may come alone.
- You will need to breathe into the monitor once every 15 minutes for three hours.