



St. Claire Regional  
Medical Center

Patient's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

DOB: \_\_\_\_\_

## INFANT BARIUM SWALLOW

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### **Patients:**

These are the instructions for your scheduled procedure in our Diagnostic Imaging Department.

### **Scheduling**

Your examination has been scheduled for:

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Time:** \_\_\_\_\_ **A.M./P.M.**

The above time has been reserved for you. Please arrive 15 minutes before the appointed time so you can register. When you arrive to register, please follow the guidelines below to know where to sign in:

Admitting/Registration - 6:30 a.m. to 11:00 p.m.  
Emergency Room Registration - 11:00 p.m. to 6:30 a.m.

### **Purpose**

This procedure is performed in order to obtain a study of the swallowing of liquid through the esophagus (tube from mouth to the stomach).

### **Preparation**

For this procedure it would be helpful to bring one of your child's bottles to use during the procedure. Do not feed your baby between 2-4 hours before the imaging procedure. The time depends on how often he/she normally eats. He/she needs to be hungry to ensure the child will drink for the procedure.

### **Procedure**

We will first obtain an image of your baby while he/she is lying on the imaging table. He/she will be given a bottle filled with a liquid called barium. As your baby drinks, the radiologist/P.A. will watch and record images as needed. This procedure takes approximately 15 minutes.

### **Results**

Your baby may have chalky stools and be constipated for a few days. Plenty of juices or a mild laxative is recommended.

The radiologist will review your exam and a report will be sent to your physician. Your physician will then discuss your results with you. The technologist will be unable to give you any information or interpretation about the results of your exam.

If you have questions concerning your upcoming procedure, please call the Diagnostic Imaging Department at 606-783-6761.