



BARIUM SWALLOW

Patient's Name: _____

DOB: _____

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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 look at the esophagus (tube from mouth to the stomach) and its function.

Preparation

None

Procedure

You are asked to drink barium, a chalky tasting liquid that will give us the ability to acquire images of the esophagus. The radiologist and technologist will record a series of images. This examination takes approximately 20 minutes.

Results

You may have chalky stools and be constipated for a few days. Plenty of juices and water 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 the 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.