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DOB: _____

GASTRIC EMPTYING SCAN
Nuclear Medicine

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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.

“We ask that you make every attempt to keep your scheduled appointment as we have ordered a drug specific to your test and you. If you do need to reschedule or cancel your procedure, please call 606-783-6761 24 hours prior to your scheduled appointment.”

Purpose

This Nuclear Medicine procedure is performed in order to study the stomach and how effectively it empties.

Preparation

The night before the exam do not eat or drink anything after midnight. If you are currently breastfeeding, please inform the technologist before beginning your procedure.

Procedure

The technologist will give you a bowl of oatmeal with a very weak radioactive substance in it. It will distribute itself throughout your body. You will lie on a scanning table and a specialized scanner is positioned over the scanning table. The scanner does not emit radiation; it detects the radioactive substance in your body. By use of a computer, images are obtained and recorded. This procedure takes approximately 60 minutes.

Results

The radiologist will review your exam and send a written report to your physician. You will have to contact your physician for the results. Your physician will discuss the results with you as appropriate. 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.