

UPPER GASTROINTESTINAL (GI) STUDY



Appointment Date: _____

Time: _____

LOCATION: Aultman Main Hospital: 2600 6th St. SW, Canton

DEPARTMENT: Imaging Services (Radiology)

SUMMARY OF THE EXAM

An upper GI study is an X-ray of the stomach. Images of your stomach will be obtained while you are drinking a thick liquid called barium. The barium coats the stomach, allowing the doctor to look for abnormalities. You will be asked to stand and lay down during the exam.

WHAT TO EXPECT

There is no pain associated with an upper GI study. Some people find the texture of the barium unpleasant.

INSTRUCTIONS

- Please bring a written order from your doctor to the exam.
- Please bring a complete list of all your medications.
- Please bring a driver's license or other photo ID.
- Please arrive 30 minutes prior to your scheduled time.
- Have nothing to eat or drink after midnight the day before.
- Do not smoke after midnight the night prior to your exam.

NOTE: Blood work should always be drawn before X-rays are performed. If you are having blood work, please arrive early and inform the outpatient lab you have a radiology appointment. Please arrive on time for your radiology exam.

LENGTH OF EXAM

The exam should take 30 – 45 minutes, but plan on being in the department *at least one-and-a-half hours* from check-in until the exam is completed.

AFTER THE EXAM

Drink plenty of fluids to help move barium through the GI tract. A mild laxative is sometimes helpful to aid in the elimination of barium.

You should expect to receive the results of your exam at your next health care provider appointment (if scheduled) or within 10 days of your exam. Please call your health care provider if you do not receive your results.

QUESTIONS PRIOR TO YOUR TEST

Call 330-363-6200 weekdays between 6:30 a.m. – 11 p.m. or weekends between 7 a.m. – 7 p.m. for any questions about your test.

SCHEDULING AND REGISTRATION

Pre-registration is required for an accurate medical record and proper billing. You may be contacted by a patient access representative if we need any information. If you have questions or need to schedule or reschedule your exam, please call 330-363-6288 or 1-800-837-0440 Monday – Friday between 7 a.m. and 6 p.m. All exams require a written order from your physician.

HOSPITAL PARKING

Free visitor parking is available in Lot 3 across from the Bedford Building. Enter from 6th Street. Valet parking is available at the 7th Street and Bedford Building entrances for a fee – or free if you are a handicapped motorist. Deck parking is available on 7th Street for a fee based on your length of stay.

DIRECTIONS TO THE DEPARTMENT

Imaging Services/Radiology (7th Street deck parking is the closest parking) is located on the ground level of the main hospital. From the main hospital lobby, take the elevators to the ground level. After exiting the elevator, turn to your left and you will see the check-in desk.