

## Diagnostic X-Ray Barium Enema

<p><b>APPOINTMENT</b></p>	<p>- DATE: _____ TIME: _____</p> <p><b>Please arrive 15 minutes before your appointment time and check in at the registration desk.</b></p>
<p><b>HOW LONG THE EXAM WILL TAKE</b></p>	<p>- The exam will take approximately 45 to 60 minutes</p>
<p><b>HOW TO PREPARE FOR THE EXAM</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- You will be changing into a gown with all other clothing removed.</li> <li>- You may be asked to take some oral prep the night before your exam.</li> </ul>
<p><b>PRECAUTIONS YOU SHOULD BE AWARE OF</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- If you think you may be pregnant or if you are breast feeding, please notify your physician or the technologist prior to your exam.</li> <li>- If you have had recent colon surgery please inform your technologist.</li> </ul>
<p><b>WHAT YOU CAN EXPECT</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- You will be dressed in a gown with all other articles of clothing removed.</li> <li>- A preliminary x-ray will be taken of your abdomen to evaluate the amount of gas in your intestines.</li> <li>- Next, an enema tip will be inserted into your rectum and barium contrast will be introduced into your this may make you feel pressure in your abdomen and a sensation of having to use the rest room.</li> <li>- Several x-rays will be taken while you lay in different postions.</li> <li>- Once all of the images are taken, the as much as possible of the contrast will be drained from your intestines through the enema tip. You will then be asked to use the rest room. Clean towels will be provided to help with the clean up.</li> <li>- A final x-ray will be taken of your abdomen after you return from the rest room.</li> <li>- Please feel free to ask the technologist any questions before you begin your exam.</li> </ul>
<p><b>HOW DO YOU GET TEST RESULTS?</b></p>	<p>A Radiologist will study the images and a report will be sent to your physician, after which they will discuss the results with you. Should you not hear from your physician within 2 business days, please give them a call to schedule a follow up appointment.</p>
<p><b>QUESTIONS?</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- If you have any questions or concerns about your appointment, please call Radiology at <b>(660) 831-3286</b>.</li> </ul>

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