

**EXAM: GASTRIC EMPTYING (GE)  
WITH SOLIDS OR LIQUIDS**  
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<b>INDICATIONS:</b>	If the patient has specific questions they should contact their physician. This test can be helpful in the determination of delayed gastric emptying with quantitation of gastric emptying rate. Evaluation of obstruction, altered function, tumors and weight loss.
<b>CONTRA-INDICATIONS:</b>	Allergy to eggs – then substitute oatmeal. A barium study cannot be done prior to this exam. If one is done, then 72 hours needs to pass before scheduling this exam. Patient who has recently (48hrs) had a technetium based nuclear scan performed. The table weight limit is 350-400lbs.
<b>HOW LONG WILL IT TAKE?</b>	Please arrive 15 minutes prior to your scheduled appointment for registration and insurance purposes. The exam will take approximately 3hrs to complete.
<b>PREPARATION:</b>	Nothing to eat or drink after midnight.
<b>PRECAUTIONS:</b>	If you think you may be pregnant or if you are breastfeeding, make sure the doctor is aware and risks are explained. Mothers that are breastfeeding should consider pumping enough to be used for two days.
<b>MEDICATION ISSUES:</b>	
<b>WHAT CAN BE EXPECTED:</b>	<p>The patient will arrive at the hospital and enter at the main entrance.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- If the patient is not pre-registered, they will need to stop in the first office on the right, just pass the waterfalls, to complete the required paperwork. The patient should have a copy of the doctors orders.</li> <li>- If the patient is pre-registered, they will go pass the waterfall, down the hall, pass the second tan circle on the floor, to the imaging comfort area. They will report in to register and review insurance. The patient should have a copy of the orders as a precaution.</li> </ul> <p>The patient will be brought back to the department where the procedure will be explained, confirm the patient’s identity and review their history. The patient will be asked to eat and/or drink for the exam. If it is for solids the patient will be given eggs, toast and juice. Please let the technologist know if you have an allergy to eggs. After consuming the eggs, the patient will be placed on an imaging table. Images will be taken continuously over a 2 hour period. The study is completed after the images have been taken. At this time they will be allowed to leave. No precautions need to be taken other than limiting contact with children under 3yrs of age for the next 24 hours.</p> <p>NOTE. This material will be out of their systems within 24hrs. The material will not cause any side effects. The report will typically be available to the Doctor’s office within 24hrs on the transcription line. A written report will be sent and usually takes 3 to 5 working days.</p>