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Experience Health Caring

EXAM: Barium Swallow

INDICATIONS:	If you have specific questions as to the reason for the examination, please contact your ordering physician. This exam is good for evaluating swallowing difficulties in the presence of a speech pathologist to assign any possible restrictions in food consistency.
CONTRA-INDICATIONS OR PRECAUTIONS:	The chair weight limit is 350 lbs.
HOW LONG WILL IT TAKE? WHERE DO I GO?	Exam itself will take approximately 30 minutes. Please allow some time for registration and other paperwork. Most likely you will be preregistered and you can go directly to the Imaging Department. When you enter the front of the hospital, located on State Street you will go past the waterfall down the main hallway. After you cross the second circular hall intersection, the Imaging comfort area is the first door to the right.
PREPARATION:	Eat and drink as usual. If you have been given a doctors order (prescription) for the exam, you must have it with you at the time of the exam.
MEDICATION ISSUES:	Medications can be taken as necessary.
WHAT CAN YOU EXPECT:	The patient will be asked to eat and drink different types of food mixed with barium while x-rays are being taken. The patient should expect to see white barium in their stool for several days following the exam. If you have any questions please feel free to call the Imaging Department at 330-596-7700. If you need to change your scheduled appointment time call 330-596-7187.