



ALLIANCE COMMUNITY HOSPITAL

Experience Health Caring

EXAM: Upper GI and Esophagram

INDICATIONS:	If you have specific questions as to the reason for the examination, please contact your ordering physician. This exam may show or rule out any narrowing or abnormalities of the esophagus. Also good for demonstrating diverticulitis, polyps or other upper digestive lesions.
CONTRA-INDICATIONS OR PRECAUTIONS:	If the patient has any swallowing restrictions please notify the radiology department. The table 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:	Nothing to eat or drink after midnight. 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:	Take only medication that is necessary with a small sip of water. Try to take any medications after the exam if possible. Please check with your physician to see if they feel it is important for you to take certain medications. Pills in your stomach can obstruct the view during the examination.
WHAT CAN YOU EXPECT:	Patient will be asked to swallow thick liquid barium during x-rays. It is not unusual for the patient to notice this white barium passing 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.