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Fluoroscopy – Small Bowel

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What is Fluoroscopy?

Fluoroscopy is an X-ray study of moving body structures--similar to an X-ray "movie." A continuous X-ray beam is passed through the body part being examined. The beam is transmitted to a computer monitor so that the body part and its motion can be seen in detail.

What is a Small Bowel Procedure?

A small bowel study may be performed with the Upper Gastrointestinal (GI) series. Liquid barium (a type of contrast medium) will be given to you to drink during this procedure. The barium will coat your gastrointestinal (GI) tract, allowing the radiologist to visualize anatomical details of your small bowel.

Preparation:

1. No food, drink or oral medication after 12:00 a.m. (midnight) night before exam.
2. After 12:00 a.m. (midnight), you are not to smoke or chew gum until the exam is complete.
3. Do not eat, drink or take pills the morning of the exam.

Procedure:

You will drink several glasses of barium and delayed images of the gastrointestinal tract will be obtained at specified time intervals by the radiology staff. The small bowel series is complete when the barium reaches the large intestine (colon).

You will need to remain in the department from the time you drink the barium until the exam is completed. The speed with which the barium moves through the small intestine is different for each person. The procedure will take approximately 1-4 hours.

Arrive 15 minutes prior to your appointment

PLEASE BRING THE FOLLOWING TO YOUR APPOINTMENT:

A PHOTO ID TO VERIFY YOUR IDENTITY

A LIST OF CURRENT MEDICATIONS YOU ARE TAKING

Mercy Hospital Parking:

Park in the Mercy Medical Center 10th Street Parking Ramp, located at the corner of 10th Street and 8th Avenue SE. Proceed to **Ground (G)** level and follow the signs to "Radiology (X-Ray)," also located on **Ground (G)** level.

Procedure Results:

A radiologist will review the images shortly after your exam is completed. A written report will be sent to the provider who ordered your exam. Your provider will discuss

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the results with you. Results will typically be available for your provider within two business days of the exam. Results will also be sent to your MyChart account.