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FL Esophagram

To Schedule: (319) 861-7778

Questions about Procedure: (319) 398-6050

What is an Esophagram procedure?

The esophagus may be examined by asking the patient to swallow liquid barium and gas producing granules in the upright and recumbent positions. The technologist will assist the radiologist or radiologist PA throughout the procedure as images are taken. The esophagram will demonstrate evidence of esophagitis, reflux, strictures, esophageal varices or Zenker's diverticula. This procedure will take approximately 15-30 minutes.

Preparation:

1. You may eat or drink anything you want the day before the exam until 11 p.m. You are encouraged to drink plenty of fluids.
2. After 11 p.m., you are not to eat or drink anything until the exam is complete.
3. After 12, midnight, you are not to smoke or chew gum until the exam is complete.
4. Do not eat or drink before the test.
5. After the test, you may eat and drink plenty of fluids.

PLEASE BRING THE FOLLOWING TO YOUR APPOINTMENT:

A PHOTO ID TO VERIFY YOUR IDENTITY

A LIST OF CURRENT MEDICATIONS YOU ARE TAKING

Parking/Registration:

Park in the Mercy Medical Center 10th Street Parking Ramp, located at the corner of 10th Street and 8th Ave. SE. You will be pre-registered, so you can proceed to **Ground (G)** level and follow the signs to "Radiology (X-Ray)," also located on Ground (G) level.

Procedure Results (Who interprets the results):

A radiologist will review the images shortly after the exam is completed. A written report will be sent to your doctor. Your doctor will discuss the results with you. Please allow your physician time to review these results, usually 2 business days after the exam.

Your appointment date and time:

Procedure date: _____

Procedure time: _____ (Please arrive 15 minutes early)

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