

Fluoroscopy-Esophagram

To Schedule: (319) 861-7778

Questions about Procedure: (319) 398-6050

What is an Esophagram Procedure?

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, drink or take pills until your exam is completed the next day.
3. After 12, midnight, you are not to smoke or chew gum until the exam is complete.
4. Do not eat, drink or take pills the morning of the exam.
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

Procedure:

The esophagus is examined by asking the patient to swallow liquid barium and gas producing granules in the upright position as well as while lying down. The technologist will assist the radiologist or radiologist assistant throughout the procedure as images are taken.

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:

Please allow 2 business days from your exam for your physician to review your Radiology results.

Your appointment date and time:

Procedure date: _____

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