



ALLIANCE COMMUNITY HOSPITAL

Experience Health Caring

EXAM: Upper GI Series

INDICATIONS:	If you have specific questions as to the reason for the examination, please contact your ordering physician. This exam will help them to determine or rule out if you have reflux, polyps, diverticulitis, or other upper digestive lesions.
CONTRA-INDICATIONS OR PRECAUTIONS:	Usually no contraindications. The table weight limit is 330 lbs – anything over, call QC.
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:	You will be asked to drink a thick liquid barium so that your esophagus, stomach and beginning of your small intestine can be viewed on an x-ray image. It is expected that the patient will notice the white barium passing in their stool for several days. 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.