

Appointment Date: _____ **Time:** _____

LOCATION: Aultman Main Hospital: 2600 6th St. SW, Canton

DEPARTMENT: Imaging Services (Radiology)

SUMMARY OF THE EXAM

An esophagram is an X-ray of the esophagus. A doctor who specializes in X-rays (radiologist) or a physician's assistant will perform the exam. They will take pictures while you are drinking barium standing and lying down. The barium coats the esophagus, allowing the doctor to look for abnormalities.

WHAT TO EXPECT

There is no pain associated with an esophagram. Some people find the texture of the barium unpleasant.

INSTRUCTIONS

- Please have a written/electronic order from your doctor for the exam.
- Please bring a complete list of all your medications.
- Please bring a driver's license or other photo ID.
- Please arrive 15 minutes prior to your scheduled time.
- Do not have anything to eat or drink after midnight the night before the exam. This includes gum chewing and smoking.

NOTE: If you have orders for blood work, this should be drawn before X-rays are performed. If blood work is ordered, please arrive early and inform the outpatient lab you have a radiology appointment so that you can arrive on time for your radiology exam.

LENGTH OF EXAM

Although the exam takes about 30 – 45 minutes, plan on being in the department for **at least one hour** from check in until the exam is complete.

AFTER THE EXAM

Drink plenty of fluids to help move barium through your digestive tract. A mild laxative is sometimes helpful to aid in the elimination of barium.

You should expect to receive the results of your exam at your next healthcare provider appointment (if scheduled) or within 10 days of your exam. Please call your healthcare provider if you do not receive your results.

QUESTIONS PRIOR TO YOUR TEST

Call 330-363-6200 7 days/week between 7a.m. – 3 p.m. for any questions about your test.

SCHEDULING AND REGISTRATION

Pre-registration is required for an accurate medical record and proper billing. You may be contacted by a patient access representative if we need any information. If you have questions or need to schedule or reschedule your exam, please call 330-363-6288 or 1-800-837-0440 Monday – Friday between 7 a.m. and 6 p.m. All exams require a written order from your physician.

HOSPITAL PARKING

Free visitor parking is available in Lot 3 across from the Bedford Building. Deck parking is available on Seventh Street.

DIRECTIONS TO THE DEPARTMENT

Imaging Services/Radiology (Seventh Street deck parking is the closest parking) is located on the ground level of the main hospital. From the main hospital lobby, take the elevators to the ground level. After exiting the elevator, turn to your left and you will see the check-in desk.