



MERCY HEALTH

Small Bowel Follow-Through Exam Description

Description:

The Small Bowel Follow-Through or dedicated Small Bowel will take a look at the entire small intestine using X-rays. The patient will be required to drink liquid called barium which coats the inside of your intestines and enables the Radiologist to examine the small bowel. After drinking the barium, X-ray pictures will be taken of your abdomen at timed intervals. The approximate time for the examination could take 45 minutes to 4 hours. The time varies among patients depending on the time it takes for the barium to pass through your small intestine.

If a UGI exam is ordered in conjunction with this exam, please see **Upper GI for description and could expect 30 minutes additional time.

Prep:

Nothing to eat or drink after midnight

Any questions or concerns please call
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