



MERCY HEALTH

Esophagram *or commonly known as a Barium Swallow* Exam Description

Description:

The patient will be instructed to drink a contrast called barium. The Radiologist will then watch the flow of the liquid to study the function and appearance of the esophagus (throat) and assess the swallowing process. The patient is placed in various positions throughout the exam so that structures are optimally demonstrated on the X-rays. The approximate time for the examination is 15 to 30 minutes.

Prep:

Nothing to eat or drink after midnight

Any questions or concerns please call
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