



ALLIANCE COMMUNITY HOSPITAL

Experience Health Caring

EXAM: BARIUM ENEMA

INDICATIONS:	It is best to check with your physician if you have specific questions. Some symptoms that indicate this exam are pain, diarrhea, constipation and other lower intestinal problems. This test may help to diagnosis polyps, diverticulitis and other colon lesions.
CONTRA-INDICATIONS OR PRECAUTIONS:	Exam can be attempted on most patients. The table weight limit is 330 lbs – anything over, call QC.
HOW LONG WILL IT TAKE? WHERE DO I GO?	The exam itself will take approximately 1 hour. Allow some time prior to the exam 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:	Need to pick up a bowel prep kit at the hospital 2 days prior to the exam. It is necessary to follow a certain diet for two days before the exam. You will need to drink a liquid and take some pills at specific times to cleanse the bowel. There is also a suppository for use the morning of the exam. 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:	Eat, drink (following strict preparation diet) and take medication as usual.
WHAT CAN YOU EXPECT:	During the exam a barium fluid will be put into the colon through a tip in the rectal area. It may also be necessary to induce some air into the colon. The patient will be asked to try to hold this fluid in during the exam, but there is a bathroom nearby following the exam. The patient should expect to expel barium for up to 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.