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Diagnostic -

[Upper GI Series, Small Bowel Series, Esophagram](#)

Definition: The patient is required to drink a glass and a half of barium in which the physician studies the stomach and the duodenal cap under the fluoroscopic x-ray equipment. There is no discomfort in this procedure. The small bowel series requires films to be made at twenty minute intervals until the barium reaches the colon.

Essential Steps

NPO after midnight - NO laxatives required.

Instruct patient.

Send patient to x-ray with chart.

The x-ray technologist will relieve the diet in the computer to resume patient's regular diet.

Key Points

Define test

NPO after midnight

Procedure usually takes 1 hour

Small bowel series may take

1 1/2 - 2 hours.