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Nuclear Medicine Gastric Empty Study

Test Name: Nuclear Medicine Gastric Empty Study

Description: Functional testing of the stomach; this test

helps determine how fast food moves from

the stomach to the small intestine

How to Prepare: Nothing to eat, drink, or smoke after

midnight. No stomach motility medications night before testing or morning of testing. **NOTE:** Please inform the technologist if

you are allergic to eggs

Where & When to Report: Report to the Medical Imaging Department

Registration at least 15 minutes prior to

scheduled exam time.

How long will the test take?: Expect to be here for 4 hours.

What to expect during the test?: Patient will eat 1 scrambled egg mixed

with a safe, small amount of tasteless
Radiotracer necessary for imaging.
Images will be taken while patient lies
flat under the camera, in increments over
4 hours. Patient will be allowed to sit

between images.

What to expect after the test?: There are no symptoms or side effects

from this test.

If you have any questions

about the test:

Call the Nuclear Medicine Dept at: 315.338.7026

Hours: 7:00am – 3:00pm Monday - Friday