

Small Bowel Series

Test Name:	Small Bowel Series
Description:	This procedure uses a contrast agent called Barium to obtain images of your small bowel.
How to Prepare:	Nothing to eat, drink, or any medication 8 hours prior to exam.
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 between 1-4 hours. The exam length will vary depending on each patient's individual metabolism.
What to expect during the test?:	A preliminary x-ray will be taken of your abdomen. You will then drink two cups of Barium. The technologist will take images directed by the Radiologist every 30-60 minutes until the Barium reaches the end of your small bowel. The Radiologist will obtain images of your small bowel under Fluoroscopy [also known as 'Live x-ray']. The Radiologist may use a device to place pressure on certain areas of your abdomen to better visualize your bowel on the x-ray images.
What to expect after the test?:	Barium can cause constipation. It is normal to have whitish colored stools for 24-48 following the exam. You should increase fluid intake for 24 – 48 hours after the exam to help eliminate the Barium.
If you have any questions about the test:	Call the Nuclear Medicine Dept at: 315.338.7026

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