



# ALLIANCE COMMUNITY HOSPITAL

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## EXAM: Small bowel

<b>INDICATIONS:</b>	If you have specific questions as to the reason for the examination, please contact your ordering physician. This exam will help them to determine or rule out if you have reflux, polyps, diverticulitis, or other upper digestive lesions.
<b>CONTRA-INDICATIONS OR PRECAUTIONS:</b>	None usually. The table weight limit is 330 lbs – anything over, call QC.
<b>HOW LONG WILL IT TAKE? WHERE DO I GO?</b>	On average this exam can take between 2-4 hours from the time they drink barium. It is possible, depending on the patient, that they may even need to come back the following day for an x-ray. 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.
<b>PREPARATION:</b>	Nothing to eat or drink after midnight. If you have been given a doctors order (prescription) for the exam, you must have it with you at the time of the exam.
<b>MEDICATION ISSUES:</b>	Take only medication that is necessary with a small sip of water. Try to take any medications after the exam if possible. Please check with your physician to see if they feel it is important for you to take certain medications. Pills in your stomach can obstruct the view during the examination.
<b>WHAT CAN YOU EXPECT:</b>	The patient will be asked to drink thick liquid barium to view the stomach and small intestines on an x-ray. The patient will be asked to walk around to help move the barium through the intestines and x-rays will be taken intermittently. Depending on the patients bowels, the exam time will vary. 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.