

MODIFIED BARIUM SWALLOW (SPEECH THERAPY SWALLOW)

PREPARATION

There is no preparation for this test.

The patient should remove all jewelry from the head and neck area.

PROCEDURE

A modified barium swallow is an examination which observes the quality of the swallowing mechanism as the patient swallows different textures of barium covered foods and liquids. The patient sits during the examination. The speech therapist, assisted by the technologist and the radiologist, makes a videotape of the X-ray procedure while the various consistencies of food are introduced and swallowing maneuvers are tried.

Time to perform: 15 minutes