

SMALL BOWEL FOLLOW-THROUGH

PREPARATION

If patient condition allows:

One day before the test the patient may have a normal breakfast, clear fluids only for lunch (no solid foods or dairy products).

After lunch take 2 Dulcolax tablets. Drink 1 glass of clear liquid every hour until bed. At 6 p.m. take 1 bottle of Citromag followed by a glass of water.

Nothing to eat or drink after midnight

PROCEDURE

A small bowel follow through demonstrates motility (speed and movement) and mucosal pattern (lining) of the small intestine. The patient drinks barium liquid and x-rays of the abdomen are taken intermittently.

Time to perform: Approximately 2 hours