Welcome to VCU Health Diagnostic Imaging. We are located in the Main Hospital 3rd floor, 1200 East Marshall Street. Our hours of operation are Monday through Friday, 8 am to 5 pm. Advanced scheduling is required for all diagnostic fluoroscopy exams. Please review the following information about your test. Please call (804) 628-3580 to schedule your test or if you have any questions about your diagnostic fluoroscopy exam.

**What is it?**

Imaging of the upper gastrointestinal tract.

**Why are you having this test?**

You are having this study to establish presence or absence, nature or extent of disease affecting upper gastrointestinal tract. Imaging from Upper GI studies can reveal abnormalities related to:

- Abdominal pain
- Ulcers or tumors
- Uncontrolled vomiting
- Unexplained blood in stool
- Gastrointestinal leaks post operational
- Small Bowel Obstruction

**Preparing for the test**

- No food or drink except clear liquids 8 hours prior to exam
- Bring a picture ID and insurance information
- Bring current list of medications (including over the counter, herbal, vitamins, supplements, etc.) and current allergies
- Please arrive 30 minutes before your appointment time

**What to expect during the test**

- This study will take about 2-8 hours
- You will change in to a hospital gown
- An abdominal x-ray will be obtained
- You will be standing if possible and laying down on a fluoroscopy table, moving in different positions and drinking a contrast agent while the radiologist is taking images using fluoroscopy x-ray equipment.
- A series a x-ray images or fluoroscopy images will be taken periodically while the contrast moves throughout your small intestine

**After Care information**

- You may resume normal activity, eating and drinking after exam unless otherwise specified by your physician.
- The Barium contrast can turn your stool a gray or white color for 48 – 72 hours. It may also cause constipation.
- Unless fluids are restricted by the doctor, the patient should drink fluids (more than normal) to help the contrast move out of their system.

**Contact information if questions or concerns**

- Any questions: please contact us at (804) 828-5500 and ask for a radiology technologist. If After hours, please call (804) 828-3699.

**Follow-Up Care after the procedure**

- Results will be available 1-2 business days on the patient portal and to your ordering physician. For results, please contact ordering physician.