

Gastrografin Swallow

Patient Information



What is a Gastrografin Swallow?

A Gastrografin Swallow is an x-ray test that provides information about the food pipe (oesophagus) and the stomach by filling it with gastrografin (a contrast medium). This contrast helps in taking more detailed x-ray images. Gastrografin Swallow test is done to check if there is leakage, ulceration or narrowing of the oesophagus and the stomach.

How do I prepare for the procedure?

- You may eat or drink as usual before the procedure.
- Please inform your physician if you have any allergies or have had a bad reaction to any procedure in the past.

What will happen during the procedure?

- You will be asked to drink 2-3 cups of gastrografin mixture.
- Next, you will be asked to lie down or sit on an x-ray table.
- X-ray images will be taken, once your bowel is completely coated with gastrografin.

Will the procedure hurt?

This procedure is not painful. However, you may have a metallic taste in your mouth from gastrografin.

Please contact your doctor if you have any signs of an allergic reaction including itching, redness, difficulty breathing, swelling or dizziness.

Scheduling your appointment

Please call the AKUH Contact Centre on 021-111-911-911 to book your appointment.

Please note the following:

- Make sure that you have your doctor's prescription and previous medical/radiology records on the day of your procedure.
- Arrive 15 minutes before the scheduled time for registration and other formalities. Late arrival may lead to delay/rescheduling of your examination.
- Patients requiring urgent care may be given priority. This may result in a delay in starting your procedure. Your cooperation in this regard will be highly appreciated.
- If you are pregnant, inform your doctor before the procedure as it may need to be rescheduled or cancelled.
- It is advisable to bring an attendant with you.
- If you have any queries please contact us at 021-111-911-911.