

# X-ray

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Outpatient Testing

Imaging test to be performed:

**UGI**



Patient's name: \_\_\_\_\_

Test date: \_\_\_\_\_

Test time: \_\_\_\_\_

*See other side for test location and registration instructions*

What You Need To Know

## How to prepare for your test:

Please don't eat or drink after midnight before your upper gastrointestinal (UGI) exam.

Special instructions for a newborn to 2 years old: Arrange the test around the child's next feeding.

## How long will the test take?

About 1 hour.

## What is the purpose of the test?

To help determine the cause of certain gastrointestinal symptoms, such as difficulty swallowing, vomiting, or abdominal pain, or to detect narrow places in the intestinal tract, ulcers, tumors, or polyps.

## How is the test performed?

You will swallow a "shake" of barium and water. The doctor will then track the progress of the barium through the esophagus, stomach, and the first part of the small intestine using fluoroscopy connected to a video monitor. Several x-ray pictures are usually taken at different times and from different directions.

## Required before test:

Please provide a signed physician order to perform the exam.

**Results will be sent to your ordering physician after a radiologist's review.**

