

Aftercare Advice: Barium Swallow and Meal Examination

Patient Information

X-Ray Department



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Name:

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Your examination is now complete, and you are free to leave the department.

You may resume your usual eating routine. We advise that you drink plenty of fluids (e.g. water, fruit juice and tea) for the next two days to ensure you do not become constipated from the barium.

You will notice that your bowel movement will be slightly lighter in colour; this is normal and is caused by the white barium that you drank during the procedure.

If you have been given some powder and lemon juice-like liquid during your examination, there are no known side effects associated with this.

If you have stopped taking your usual medication to undergo this test, you can resume taking it now.

Your results will go back to the Consultant or General Practitioner (GP) who has referred you for this test. Normally you will receive your results within the next two weeks.

If you are concerned or have any questions, then you can contact the X-Ray Department for advice on telephone **01942 822398 Monday to Friday 09:00 to 17:00.**

Kind Regards,
X-Ray Department

Please use this space to write notes or reminders.

Comments, Compliments or Complaints

The Patient Relations/Patient Advice and Liaison Service (PALS) Department provides confidential on the spot advice, information and support to patients, relatives, friends, and carers.

Contact Us

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Ask 3 Questions

Become more involved in decisions about your healthcare. You may be asked to make choices about your treatment. To begin with, try to make sure you get the answers to three key questions:

1. What are my options?
2. What are the positives and negatives of each option for me?
3. How do I get support to help me make a decision that is right for me?



How We Use Your Information

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