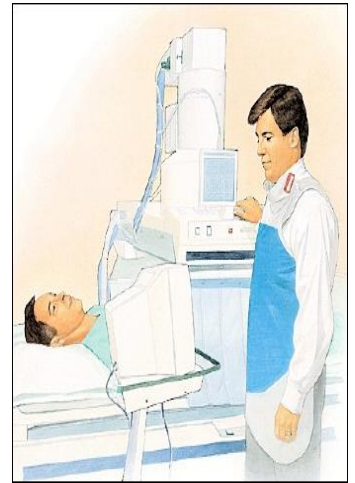


## Small Bowel Series

A **small bowel series** is an x-ray exam of your **small intestines** (the area from your stomach to the start of your large intestine or colon). This test helps the radiologist find problems such as obstructions, tumors, and certain diseases. A series of x-ray images will be taken. You will need to schedule this test with Central Scheduling (630-856-7070).

### Before Your Test

- Nothing to eat or drink after midnight the night before your test (this includes gum, mints, etc).
- Be sure to mention the medications you take and ask if it's okay to take them before your test.
- Do not smoke during this time.
- The test takes a minimum of 2 hours, sometimes longer. Allow extra time to register.



#### Let the technologist know if:

- You have any allergies
- You ate or drank anything after midnight
- You're pregnant or think you may be
- You've had any previous surgery
- You take any medications

### During Your Test

- You will drink **barium** (a liquid that improves x-ray images).
- You will have a series of images taken at timed intervals. These images show the progression of the barium as it moves through your small bowel.
- You will be asked to hold your breath for a short time during the x-rays.
- Near the end of the series, the radiologist may take some specific images over certain portions of your small bowel.

### After Your Test

- Your stool may appear white or lighter than normal.
- Be sure to drink extra liquids for a day or two after the test, unless otherwise instructed by your doctor.
- If you have any difficulty with your bowel movements, contact your doctor.
- You will need to contact your doctor's office for the test results.