

Colonic Transit Study

Patient Information

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Introduction

A colonic transit study is a special examination that assesses how quickly material moves through your large bowel (or colon). You will be required to swallow a single capsule, and then attend the hospital for an abdominal X-Ray.

Please note – You must inform us prior to taking the capsule if there is any chance of you being pregnant. (01942 822398)

You may be asked to complete a pregnancy questionnaire, if you are female and of childbearing capacity, including the date of your last period.

The capsule contains small polyurethane markers which show up on X-Ray. This will enable the reporting doctor (Radiologist) to assess the function of your bowel. There are no known side effects from taking this capsule.

You should not be at the hospital for any considerable amount of time, please allow around 30 minutes.

Procedure

FRIDAY – If you routinely take laxatives or bulking medication, please stop taking them on the Friday before your X-Ray. Continue to eat and drink as normal.

SUNDAY – Take the capsule at **9am** with breakfast. Continue to eat and drink as normal.

WEDNESDAY – Attend the hospital's main X-Ray department at **9am** for an abdominal X-Ray. When you have had your X-Ray, the radiographer will inform you if you need to return or not for one more abdominal X-Ray on Friday.

FRIDAY – If you have been asked to return for a final abdominal X-Ray then please do so at **9am**.

Your examination is now complete.

You can re-commence any laxative or bulking medication that you have stopped for the examination.

Risks

There is no known risk or side effects to having this examination.

Results

The radiologist will examine the pictures and a report of the findings will be sent to the doctor who requested the procedure. This report should be available at your outpatient follow up appointment.

Where can I park my car?

You can park your car on the main RAEI hospital site and there is a charge, so bring some change with you.

We now have another car park available to patients on Freckleton Street, and there is a short walk (0.2 miles) up to the hospital from here.

The Government has recently introduced new guidance on the provision of free car parking for certain groups of hospital patients and visitors. This means that the following people are now eligible to receive free parking at our hospitals:

1. Disabled people holding a valid Blue Badge, to be displayed in windscreen of vehicle.
2. Frequent outpatient attendees, defined as those who are required to attend hospital for an appointment at least three times within a month for at least three months.
3. Parents or guardians of sick children staying overnight in the hospital.

Outpatients and parents/guardians outlined in points two and three need to request an exemption pass from the relevant ward manager or the security office and display this in their vehicle for the duration of their stay.

Ambulance Transport

If it is necessary for you to have ambulance transport and you live in the Wigan borough, please telephone **01942482990** to arrange it. Please inform the ambulance depot that it is for a special X-Ray, and it is essential that you arrive on time.

If you do not live in the Wigan borough, please contact your GP to arrange your ambulance transport.

Further Information

If you have any queries regarding your examination, or suggestions on how we may improve any aspect of our service, please do not hesitate to speak to us either on the day of the examination or contact us on 01942 822398 (Monday to Friday 9am until 5pm).

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

Tel: 01942 822376 (Monday to Friday 9am until 4pm)

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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

For details on how we collect, use, and store the information we hold about you, please see patient information leaflet, Ref. **Corp 006** How we use your information, this can be found on the Patient Information Leaflets page on the Trust website, see details on the front cover.

This leaflet is also available in audio, large print, Braille, and other languages upon request. For more information, please ask in the department/ward.

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