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You have been scheduled for a **Small Bowel x-ray (barium)**

<b>Appointment Date</b>	
<b>Arrival Time</b>	

You have been scheduled for a **Small Bowel x-ray (barium)**.

You will be asked to drink barium. Films will be taken every 15-30 minutes until the barium reaches the large bowel. This exam could take up to 3 hours.

Please follow the following instructions to prepare for the exam.

1. Do not eat or drink anything after midnight.
2. If you are diabetic, ask your physician about taking your medications.
3. You may want to bring something to read or do while you wait.
4. Women of childbearing age (12-55) should have this exam done only during the first 10 days following the first day of their period when it is certain there is no pregnancy. If the exam is done at any other time, then a pregnancy test is required (except for women who have had a tubal ligation or hysterectomy).
5. Wear comfortable warm clothing such as a sweat suit.

- Please bring your insurance, Medicare, or Medicaid cards with you. To ensure accurate billing, the Admitting staff will need to copy these each time you come to CGH Medical Center for service.
- Check with your insurance company to see if the exam/test ordered requires pre-certification or a second opinion.
- Report to the Admitting department 15 minutes prior to your appointment to allow time for your registration.
- If you have any questions about your scheduled exam, please call the Central Scheduling department at 625-3610 between the hours of 7:30 am to 5 pm weekdays. We will be glad to answer your questions.

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