

St. Luke's Imaging Services Patient/Family Information

Video (Videopharyngiogram)

What is a video procedure?

A video is a study to evaluate swallowing. This exam is performed in fluoroscopy in coordination with a Speech Pathologist and/or the Pediatric Occupational Therapist. Scheduling for this procedure is done by calling Speech or Occupational Therapy and then will be coordinated with fluoroscopy by either calling fluoroscopy directly for same day additions or with scheduling for future exam dates. This exam will take approximately 30 minutes.

Preparation

Please bring your medication list with you to your exam.

Patients that wear dentures, should wear them for the test. This test also requires coordination with Speech Therapy. For inpatients, a SPEECH VIDEOFLUOROSCOPY OF SWALLOW/TREAT order (accessible with REFERRALS) must also be sent to the speech department.

What Happens During the Test?

The patient will be seated and will drink barium. The imaging will be done using fluoroscopy and be video taped. A radiologist will be present to monitor the exam.

The images that are taken for the exam will be interpreted by a radiologist who is a specially-trained physician and a report will be done and is sent to the patient's ordering doctor. Patients should contact their doctor to go over the results and discuss any treatment needed.

Who interprets the results and how do I get them?

A radiologist will review the images shortly after the exam is completed. A written report will be sent to your doctor. Your doctor will discuss the results with you. Please allow your physician the time needed to review these results.

Outpatient Instructions

Please register 30 minutes before the scheduled exam time at the Outpatient Registration desk at the West Entrance. After registering, testing will be done in the Imaging Services Department on the second floor. Please use the elevators past registration on the left.

Name _____

Exam date/time _____