



PATENCY CAPSULE

This is a test to confirm that the G.I. tract is passable (or patent) for the capsule endoscopy test. The patency capsule is a dissolvable capsule that provides a simple way to assess if the G.I. track is passable (or patent) thus allowing your doctor to better assess if a capsule endoscopy test is a viable option for you.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE PATENCY CAPSULE TEST

- Patients **do not** fast for this test.
- If relevant, this test involves an abdominal x-ray and it can only be performed during the first 10 days of the menstrual cycle. If the date given for the test is outside the first 10 days of the menstrual cycle you must ring the G.I. Laboratory to reschedule the appointment.

ABOUT THE TEST

- You will be asked to swallow a small capsule and return to the hospital 28 hours later for an abdominal x-ray.
- Patients do not require any sedation and will be able to drive home if necessary.
- Only if you pass the patency capsule test will your name be added to the Small Bowel Capsule Endoscopy waiting list.