

**Appointment Date:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Time:** \_\_\_\_\_

**LOCATION:** Aultman Main Hospital: 2600 6<sup>th</sup> Street SW, Canton

**DEPARTMENT:** Imaging Service/Radiology - report to the Heart and Vascular Center in the Bedford building.

## SUMMARY OF THE EXAM

A gastric emptying scan evaluates the time it takes the stomach to empty into the intestines once you have eaten.

## WHAT TO EXPECT

You will be asked to eat an egg omelet and toast tagged with tracer material (oatmeal may be substituted if you have an egg allergy) and drink water. We will obtain images after completion of the meal up to 4 hours.

## INSTRUCTIONS

- Please bring a written order from your doctor to the exam, if you were given one.
- Please bring a complete list of all your medications.
- Please bring a driver's license or other photo ID.
- Please arrive 15 minutes prior to your scheduled time.
- Do not have anything to eat or drink 6 hours prior to your exam.

**NOTE:** This can involve the administration of radioactive materials. The scans are not routinely performed on women who are pregnant or breastfeeding.

Blood work should always be drawn before X-rays are performed. If you are having blood work, please arrive early and inform the outpatient lab you have a radiology appointment. Please arrive on time for your radiology exam.

## LENGTH OF EXAM

Plan to be in the department *about four hours* for the registration, preparation and test.

## AFTER THE EXAM

You can eat and drink after the exam.

You should expect to receive the results of your exam at your next health care provider appointment (if scheduled) or within 10 days of your exam. Please call your health care provider if you do not receive your results.

### **QUESTIONS PRIOR TO YOUR TEST**

Call Nuclear Medicine at 330-363-6204 weekdays between 8 a.m. – 8 p.m. for any questions about your test.

### **SCHEDULING AND REGISTRATION**

Pre-registration is required for an accurate medical record and proper billing. You may be contacted by a patient access representative if we need any information. If you have questions or need to schedule or reschedule your exam, please call 330-363-6288 or 1-800-837-0440 Monday – Friday between 7 a.m. and 6 p.m. All exams require an order from your physician.

### **HOSPITAL PARKING**

Free visitor parking is available in Lot 3 across from the Bedford Building. Enter from 6<sup>th</sup> Street. Valet parking is available at the 7<sup>th</sup> Street and Bedford Building entrances for a fee – or free if you are a handicapped motorist. Deck parking is available on 7<sup>th</sup> Street for a fee based on your length of stay.

### **DIRECTIONS TO THE DEPARTMENT**

Heart and Vascular Center (Lot 3 parking is the closest parking) is located on the first floor of the Bedford Building. After entering the Bedford lobby, turn to your right and enter the Heart and Vascular Center. Sign in using the kiosk and have a seat. Someone will call you to the reception desk.