



## **PATIENT INFORMATION**

### **BARIUM SWALLOW STUDY**

### **PATIENT INFORMATION AND QUESTIONNAIRE**

The purpose of this test is to investigate what happens when you swallow liquid/food.

For this procedure to be of any diagnostic value the gullet and stomach need to be distended and in order to achieve this you are given a fizzy agent to drink prior to the barium. It is important that you try and keep the gas from escaping during the examination and this can be done by swallowing if you feel the need to belch.

Without compromising the diagnostic value of the examination and to minimise costs to the NHS we are currently undertaking a study comparing fizzy agents. You will either be given the standard fizzy agent or the new fizzy agent being tested. The study will otherwise be carried out as normal.

The examination will be performed under the strict supervision of a Consultant Radiologist and if at any time diagnostic images are not being obtained then you will be given the standard fizzy agent.

If you have any concerns/questions please do not hesitate to discuss them with the Consultant carrying out the procedure.

After the procedure can we ask that you complete the form overleaf.

If you do not wish to be considered for this study please inform us and you will be given the standard fizzy agent.

Thank you for your co-operation.

# **BARIUM SWALLOW STUDY - PATIENT QUESTIONNAIRE**

Please could you fill in the questionnaire after the examination and return it to a member of staff.

Name ..... Date of Birth.....

NHS number if known.....

What is your Age: .....

Have you ever had a barium swallow/meal before? (Circle your answers)      Yes/No

Do you understand why you were given a fizzy drink?      Yes/No

How easy was it to swallow the amount given?

Good                                      Moderate                                      Bad

How would you rate the taste?

Good                                      Moderate                                      Bad

How gassy would you say it made you feel?

Not at all                      moderately                      Very

Did you experience any immediate adverse effects after having the drink?      Yes/No

Please add comments/suggestions

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Thank you for completing this form.

For clerical use

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