

Nuclear Medicine (NM) Solid Gastric Emptying Patient Instructions

WEEKS or DAYS before your appointment:

- **Preparation:** You must follow ALL INSTRUCTIONS in this letter. Your doctor has been notified about your appointment.

Ask your doctor right away about **MEDICATIONS** you may need to change before your appointment.
If not complete, you will be rebooked.

- **Take your weight:** Contact Diagnostic Imaging at the number provided above if your weight is over 400lbs.
- **Arrange childcare:** For safety reasons, children cannot accompany you in procedure rooms a cannot be left unattended.
- **Arrange a support person:** An adult support person is welcome to accompany you to your appointment.
- **Know if you're pregnant:** If you're pregnant, consult with your doctor before proceeding with your appointment.
- **Consult your diabetes care provider:** If you're taking diabetes medications or using Insulin Pump Therapy, consult your diabetes care provider before your appointment. www.ipumpit.ca
- **Contact Diagnostic Imaging:** If you're breastfeeding, contact Diagnostic Imaging at the number provided above.

HOURS before your appointment:

Adults and Children Ages 2 and Older

- DO NOT eat or drink for 4 hours before your appointment.

Children less than 2 years old

- DO NOT eat or drink for 2 hours before your appointment.

BRING to your appointment:

- Any medication you may need during your appointment.
- Healthcare card.
- Picture identification.
- Eyeglasses, hearing aid(s), and mobility aid/device.
- Patients with diabetes - insulin and glucometer
- Green sleeve that includes your Goals of Care (GOC) Designation Order form if you have one.

DO NOT bring:

- Leave valuables at home, including jewelry or piercings.
- Limit the number of items you bring to your appointment.

AT your appointment:

- **Consent is required:** A legal representative (parent or alternate decision maker) must be available (in person or by telephone) to provide consent for all patients under the age of 18, or any patients that do not have the capacity to make health care decisions.

- If needed, you will be provided with a hospital gown to change into.
- You will be asked to eat a radioactive tracer mixed into a meal, which will make parts of your body more visible in images.
- Your appointment may take up to 5 hours.