

EXAM: GASTRIC EMPTYING (GE) WITH SOLIDS OR LIQUIDS Imaging Department 915-298-8353 Scheduling 915-298-KIDS	EL PASO CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL
INDICATIONS:	This test can be helpful in the determination of delayed gastric emptying with quantitation of gastric emptying rate. Evaluation of obstruction, altered function, tumors and weight loss.
CONTRAINDICATIONS:	Allergy to eggs – then substitute oatmeal. A barium study cannot be done prior to this exam. If one is done, then 72 hours needs to pass before scheduling this exam. Patient who has recently (48hrs) had a technetium based nuclear scan performed. The table weight limit is 350-400lbs..
HOW LONG WILL IT TAKE?	Please arrive 15 minutes prior to your scheduled appointment for registration and insurance purposes. The exam will take approximately 1 to 2hrs to complete..
PREPARATION:	Nothing to eat or drink 3 to 4hrs prior to study.
PRECAUTIONS:	If you think you may be pregnant or if you are breastfeeding, make sure the doctor is aware and risks are explained. Mothers that are breastfeeding should consider pumping enough to be used for two days.
MEDICATION ISSUES:	None
WHAT CAN BE EXPECTED:	<p>The patient will arrive at the hospital and enter at the main entrance. The patient should have a copy of the doctor's orders. The patient will report in to register and review insurance. The patient should have a copy of the orders as a precaution. The patient will be brought back to the department where we will confirm the patient's identity, explain the procedure, and review their history. The patient will be asked to eat and/or drink for the exam. If it is for solids the patient will be given eggs, toast and juice. Please let the technologist know if you have an allergy to eggs. After consuming the eggs, the patient will be placed on an imaging table. Images will be taken continuously over a 1 hour period. The study is completed after the images have been taken. At this time the patient will be allowed to leave. No precautions need to be taken.</p> <p>If liquid – Formula of breast milk will replace eggs, toast and juice. Images will be for 1 hour.</p> <p>NOTE. This material will be out of their systems within 48hrs. The material will not cause any side effects. A written report will be sent and usually takes 3 to 5 working days.</p>