

Your Appointment is:

Time: _____

Day: _____

Date: _____



If you have any other questions,
please do not hesitate to contact
us or your referring doctor

Penrith Imaging Branches
Small Bowel Series are conducted at the branch
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Small Bowel Series

Patient
Information



What is a Small Bowel Series?

Your Doctor has requested you have a small bowel series. This is an examination to demonstrate the small bowel.

Preparation.

You will need to prepare for the examination by not eating, drinking or smoking for 12 hours prior to your appointment. This ensures the stomach is empty, as any food or fluid taken before the examination may give misleading results. Small sips of water may be taken with essential medication.

If you are diabetic or have any other condition that you think may affect your examination please discuss this with us when you make an appointment.

Will it take long?

The test can take anywhere from 30mins to several hours and for most of this time you will be lying on your right side. However you will be able to read a book at this time if you wish.

What happens?

You will be given 600 mls of dilute Barium to drink. A series of x-rays will be taken as the Barium passes through your small bowel. Once the barium reaches the Terminal Ileum (junction between the small bowel and the large bowel) the Radiologist will look at your bowel with the TV screen.

Are there any side effects?

You may suffer some constipation for a few days afterwards as the barium passes through the bowel. Drinking fluids helps and a mild laxative may be useful if symptoms persist.

What is the end result?

It looks something like an x-ray but instead of bones it shows intestines.

**Please Remember to bring your referral
and any previous films with you**