

Patency Capsule Test

How to prepare and what to expect

Your patency capsule test is scheduled for _____, _____, at _____ a.m. / p.m.
DAY DATE TIME

How to Prepare

1 Day Before	On Test Day	After You Swallow the Patency Capsule	Day After the Test
Date: _____	Date: _____	Date: _____	Date: _____
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Have only liquids for lunch and dinner Liquids include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Soup - Yogurt - Pudding - Broth - Coffee, tea - Jell-O - Soda pop and other drinks 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Do not eat or drink anything after midnight. As soon as you get up in the morning, take your morning medicines with water 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> For 4 hours after you swallow the capsule, drink only sips of water. After 4 hours, you may have a light snack such as a granola bar. After 8 hours, resume your normal diet. Call the clinic right away if you have: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Abdominal pain - Nausea - Vomiting You cannot have an MRI for 3 days after you swallow the patency capsule. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> About 30 hours after you swallow the patency capsule, you must have an X-ray of your abdomen: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> UWMC patients: Go to the Radiology department on the 2nd floor of the hospital. Take the Pacific elevator. <input type="checkbox"/> HMC patients: Go to the Radiology department on the 1st floor of the hospital.

How to Find Us

A map and parking rates are included with this handout.

University of Washington Medical Center

Digestive Health Center
Surgery Pavilion, 3rd Floor
1959 N.E. Pacific Street
Seattle, WA 98195
206.598.4377

From N.E. Pacific St., follow the signs to the Emergency Room. At the stop sign, enter the Surgery Pavilion Parking Garage on the left.

After parking in the garage, take the elevator to the 3rd floor. Turn right into the Digestive Disease Center.

Harborview Medical Center

GI Endoscopy Suite
Maleng Building, 8th Floor
410 Ninth Ave.
Seattle, WA 98104
206.744.3519

What can I expect?

This test is a safe way for your doctor to find out if an object the size of the patency capsule can pass through your intestine. For this test:

- You will swallow a capsule that is about the size of a vitamin pill. The capsule is coated to make it easy to swallow.
- We will take an X-ray of your abdomen 30 hours after you swallow the capsule. This X-ray will show if the capsule was able to pass through your small intestine
- If your intestine has narrow places and the capsule cannot pass through, it will dissolve into small pieces after about 30 hours. These small pieces will pass easily out of your body.

Questions?

Your questions are important. Please call if you have questions or concerns about your patency capsule test.

Weekdays between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m., call the Digestive Disease Center, 206.598.4377.

After hours and on holidays and weekends, call the Community Care Line at Harborview Medical Center, 206.744.2500.