



## What is a Patency Capsule?

The patency capsule is a capsule that you will swallow to help evaluate the passage through your gastrointestinal (GI) tract.

## What can I expect from a Patency Capsule Test?

You will swallow the capsule in the morning. You will receive instructions to have an abdominal (belly) X-ray 30 hours later (the next day). It is not required to have the X-ray done at Michigan Medicine. **If you do not have the X-ray done at Michigan Medicine, you will need to provide us with a CD copy of the X-ray.**

## How do I prepare for a Patency Capsule?

### Day before your appointment:

- Nothing by mouth (NPO) after midnight including smoking and gum chewing.

## Can I take my medicine before a Patency Capsule?

- If you have Diabetes and take **insulin** - the morning of your test, take only one-half of your usual doses of NPH, Lente or Novolin 70/30 Insulin and **no** Regular or Humulin Insulin.
- Bring any oral diabetes medicine with you to take after the test when you eat.
- **Critical medicines, such as those for your heart, blood pressure, breathing, or seizures, should be taken with sips of water on the morning of the procedure.** Noncritical medicines, including over-the-counter medicines and supplements should not be taken, unless your doctor or nurse has advised you otherwise.

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