

Swallowing examination

The purpose of the examination is to determine the function and possible disorders of pharynx and esophagus.

In this examination, your mouth, pharynx and esophagus will be X-rayed while you swallow contrast medium.

This examination is also known as a videofluorography.

Please reserve 1 hour for the entire visit. The examination lasts for approximately 30 minutes. Patients who need urgent examination may be examined before you.

The arrival instructions or the appointment letter contains our contact information if you have any questions about the examination.

Before the procedure

You do not need to prepare for the examination.

- **If you are hypersensitive to iodine contrast agent**, please inform the doctor who referred you to this examination as soon as possible.
- **If you are or suspect you may be pregnant**, please contact the unit that referred you to the examination as soon as possible.

During the examination

You will need to wear a shirt provided by the hospital during this examination.

You will be standing or sitting down during the examination.

In the examination room, you will be given some contrast agent to drink. A doctor will instruct you on how to swallow the contrast agent.

After the examination

You will receive the results of the examination from the doctor who treats you.

If you do not know how to find out the results, please contact the outpatient clinic or ward that referred you to this examination.

Please note

If you have a CD with old X-rays taken from the same area, please bring it with you.

You will not be charged for the examination.

Cancel the appointment if you cannot come. If you do not cancel, you will be charged a fine.