

## **ESOPHAGUS/BARIUM SWALLOW**

**EVALUATION OF:** Swallowing difficulties  
Chest pain  
Sensation of food getting stuck

**PREP:** Nothing to eat or drink after midnight the day prior to appointment until procedure is finished. If there is any possibility of pregnancy, this must be discussed with your physician BEFORE any tests can be done.

**PROCEDURE:** The radiologist will give you barium to drink and multiple pictures of you swallowing and your esophagus will be taken.

**POST:** Be sure to drink lots of water after the exam to flush the barium through your digestive system.