

UPPER GI

EVALUATION OF:

Epigastric pain
Reflux
Chest pain

PREP:

Nothing to eat or drink after midnight the night before, until after the exam is finished.
If there is any possibility of pregnancy, this must be discussed with your physician BEFORE any tests can be done.

PROCEDURE:

Initially the patient will be standing, then given crystals (like alka-seltzer) and barium to drink as instructed by the radiologist. You will be asked to lay in many different positions while pictures are taken. Multiple pictures will be taken standing and lying down.
The table is hard so don't be surprised.

POST:

Drink plenty of water over the next 24 hours to flush the Barium through your digestive system.

Call your physician in 3-4 working days for your results.