

# Colon Capsule Endoscopy

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Your capsule endoscopy is scheduled for:

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## Additional Instructions:

To ensure the best results for capsule endoscopy of your colon, follow your doctor's instructions carefully. A completely clean colon is needed for a successful examination.

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## How Does the Capsule Get Eliminated, and Will I Feel It Come Out?

The capsule is disposable and passes naturally with a bowel movement. You should not feel any pain or discomfort.

## What Are Possible Complications with Capsule Endoscopy?

Although complications may occur, they are rare when doctors who are specially trained and experienced in this procedure perform the test. A potential risk could be retention of the capsule. It is important for you to recognize early signs of possible complications. If you have a fever after the test, trouble swallowing, or increasing chest or abdominal pain, contact your doctor immediately.



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# PillCam® COLON Capsule Endoscopy

Your doctor may determine that a capsule endoscopy of your colon is necessary for further evaluation of your condition. Capsule endoscopy with PillCam® COLON video capsule will provide your doctor with pictures of your colon. Read this brochure to learn more about the procedure and to get answers to commonly asked questions.

Feel free to ask your doctor or nurse any additional questions you may have.

## What is Colon Capsule Endoscopy?

Capsule endoscopy with the PillCam COLON video capsule enables your doctor to examine your colon.



Your doctor will have you swallow a video capsule that has its own camera and light source. You can move freely during the exam, which lasts up to ten hours. While the video capsule travels through your body, it sends images to a data recorder you will carry close

to your waist. Afterwards, your doctor will view the images on a video monitor.

## How Should I Prepare for the Procedure?

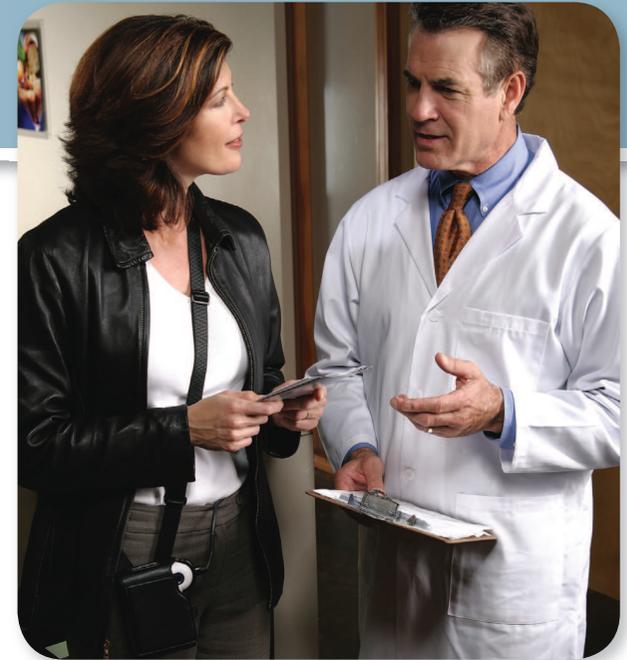
A completely clean colon is essential to provide the best images of your colon for a successful examination. Before the examination, your doctor will provide you with preparation instructions, which may include a special diet and laxatives. Tell your doctor in advance about any medications you take as you might need to adjust your usual dose for the examination. Inform your doctor if you have a pacemaker or other electromedical devices. Report any previous abdominal surgery, swallowing problems, or previous history of obstructions in the gastrointestinal tract.



## What Can I Expect During Colon Capsule Endoscopy?

The doctor or nurse will apply a sensor array to your abdomen with adhesive sleeves and give you numbered instructions to follow during the procedure. The video capsule is swallowed with water and passes through your digestive tract while transmitting video images to a data recorder that you will carry on a shoulder strap. The data recorder will alert you when it is time to follow an instruction and when the procedure is over.

**IMPORTANT REMINDER:** This brochure provides general information only and should not be used as a definitive basis for diagnosis or treatment in any particular case. It is very important that you consult your doctor about your specific condition.



## What Happens After Capsule Endoscopy?

At the end of the procedure, the data recorder and sensor array will be removed and the images acquired during your exam will then be downloaded to a workstation for your doctor to review. After swallowing the capsule and until it is excreted, you should not have a medical examination with Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI) or be in the vicinity of an MRI machine.

## How Will I Know the Results of the Capsule Endoscopy?

After you return the equipment, your doctor will process the information from the data recorder and will view a color video of the pictures taken by the capsule. After the doctor has looked at this video, you will be contacted with the results.