

Radiology Imaging Associates Hospital Fluoroscopy Protocols Date Updated: 6.16.2023 Procedure: Barium Small Bowel Follow Through

I. Equipment (May vary between sites)

- a. Thin barium (16 to 20 oz.) (a cap full of Gastrografin may be added for patients that do not have an iodine allergy)
- b. Technologist SBFT worksheet
- c. F-spoon & balloon paddle
- d. Lead glove

II. Personnel

- a. Radiologist/RA
 - i. Verifies order
 - ii. Approves SCOUT image
 - iii. Takes spot images
- b. Hospital Technologist
 - i. Prints order and relevant notes
 - ii. Documents patient history and pregnancy status prior to exam
 - iii. Responsible for patient care during exam
 - iv. Administers contrast
 - v. Follows small bowel follow through tech sheet and reviews images with radiologist/RA
 - vi. Must be present in the room for spot imaging (behind control panel ok)

III. Procedure (Do not begin barium SBFT exams after 12:00pm)

- a. Scout image
 - i. Required for patients s/p endoscopy or surgical procedure (within 1 week)
 - ii. To be cleared by radiologist/RA
 - iii. Upright abdomen (on expiration, must include bilateral hemidiaphragms)
- b. Contrast administered
- c. Timed KUBs

IV. Special Considerations

- a. Encourage patients to increase fluid intake following exam & light colored stools are normal
- b. If abdominal pain or cramping occurs patients should contact PCP

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