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Patency capsule Prep

1 Day Prior to Appointment

- Begin a clear liquid diet at 12pm (noon)** (i.e clear soup broth, lemon/lime Jell-O, water, coffee, tea, Sprite, Ginger-Ale, apple juice/white grape juice). Avoid milk, alcohol, and solid foods.
- Nothing by mouth after 10pm.**

Day of Appointment

- Take necessary morning medication with a small sip of water.**
- Go to the GI office at the time specified for your appointment.**
- You will be given the patency capsule in the GI office and may take with as much water as needed, then you may go home.**
- Once home, you should watch for the pill with each bowel movement.**
- The next day, you will go back to MMH, Selby, Wayne Street, or Belpre building 807 for an abdominal X-ray. This is to ensure that the capsule has passed through the small bowel. You do not need an appointment for the X-ray, just walk in.**
- If the patency capsule passes through, you will be able to have a regular PillCam (Capsule Endoscopy) which will be scheduled by the GI office.**
- If the Patency capsule does not pass, it will dissolve after 30 hours.**