Capsule Endoscopy

Capsule endoscopy is a capsule the size of a vitamin pill that contains a tiny camera and light source inside. This tiny camera is used to take pictures of the inside of your small intestine. Capsule Endoscopy is used to examine areas of the small intestine that cannot be seen by other types of endoscopy such as colonoscopy or esophagogastroduodenoscopy (EGD). While the video capsule travels through your body, it sends images through a data recorder that you will wear on a belt for approximately 8 hours.

When the indicated time has lapsed, you will come back to the center to return the data recorder and sensor. The pictures stored will be downloaded to a workstation for your physician to review. After his review, the doctor will contact you to give you the results of the test.

An Endoscopy Center Nurse will contact you to schedule your procedure and discuss the pre-procedure instructions and answer any of your questions. The Nurse will mail these instructions to you.

The day of the procedure you will need to be fasting since the night before or as instructed in your pre-procedure sheet.

It is VERY IMPORTANT that you notify your doctor if you have a pacemaker or defibrillator, history of gastric bypass or abdominal surgery, or if you have any trouble swallowing.

It is very important that you do not have a Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI) if you have not verified that you passed the capsule. Undergoing an MRI while the capsule is inside your body may result in serious damage to your colon.

Please contact your physician if you have any further questions.