SEE THE BIG PICTURE
OF YOUR GI HEALTH

PillCam™ SB System
A simple way to evaluate the small bowel
If you or a loved one suffers from gastrointestinal (GI) bleeding, Crohn’s disease or iron deficiency anemia, your doctor may need to see inside your small bowel to evaluate your condition. With the PillCam™ SB system, this is done with an ingestible capsule the size of a vitamin.

This brochure explains what happens during the procedure, how to prepare for it and what to expect afterwards.

*This brochure is intended to supplement the direction and explanations from your doctor regarding the ingestion of a PillCam™ SB capsule. It does not replace your doctor’s care, advice and specific instructions regarding the preparation for your procedure.
The PillCam™ SB system is an ingestible capsule that lets your doctor visualize your entire small bowel, the small intestine that connects the stomach to the large intestine and aids in digestion and other metabolic processes.

**HOW THE PILLCAM™ SB SYSTEM WORKS**

The PillCam™ SB capsule contains a tiny camera and light source that takes pictures of your small intestine as it travels naturally through your digestive tract. The images are then transmitted to a recorder that you wear on a strap across your body. Sensors placed on your stomach or in a sensor belt help transmit these images.
PREPARING FOR YOUR PILLCAM™ SB SYSTEM PROCEDURE

**Food & Drink**

An empty stomach is optimal for viewing, so you may be asked to follow a clear liquid diet after lunch the day prior to the procedure—and to begin fasting at midnight. Your doctor will provide you with specific instructions.

**Medications**

Tell your doctor in advance about any medications you regularly take—you might need to adjust your usual dose for the procedure.

**Medical History**

Inform your doctor of your medical history, including if you have a pacemaker or other electro-medical devices, any previous abdominal surgery, swallowing problems or previous history of obstructions in the gastrointestinal tract.

**WHAT HAPPENS AFTERWARDS?**

Since there is no need for sedation, once you swallow the PillCam™ SB capsule you can leave the doctor’s office and go about your normal activities.

You will also be able to eat four hours after capsule ingestion, unless your doctor instructs you otherwise.

At the end of the procedure, the recorder and sensors will be removed and returned to your doctor.
ANSWERS TO YOUR QUESTIONS

How long does the procedure take?

You will typically spend approximately 30 minutes at your doctor’s office to start the procedure. Once the sensors or sensor belt are placed on your abdomen, the recorder is connected, and you have swallowed the capsule, you can leave. The test can last up to 12 hours.

What happens after I return the recorder and sensors to my doctor?

The images captured during your procedure will be downloaded to a computer and your doctor will view them in a color video. Afterwards, you will be contacted with the results.

Will I feel any pain or discomfort from the capsule?

No. You should not feel any pain or discomfort when swallowing the PillCam™ SB capsule or while it moves through your GI tract. The capsule is disposable and passes naturally with your bowel movement.
Caution: Federal law restricts this device to sale by or on the order of a licensed healthcare practitioner. Rx only.

Risk Information: The risks of the PillCam™ SB system include capsule retention, aspiration and skin irritation. Endoscopic placement may present additional risks. Medical, endoscopic or surgical intervention may be necessary to address any of these complications, should they occur. After ingesting the PillCam™ SB capsule, and until the capsule is excreted, patients should not be near any source of powerful electromagnetic fields, such as one created near an MRI device. Please consult your physician for further information.


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